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## PSRC appoints Harrison as interim superintendent

Hire to take effect Sept. 1 after Williamson's retirement

**Michele Chavis**  
The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — The Public Schools of Robeson County appointed William “Bill” Harrison as its interim superintendent at Tuesday’s Board of Education meeting. Harrison will begin his temporary position starting Sept. 1.

The current superintendent, Freddie Williamson, who has served as superintendent since 2020, will retire at the end of August, the district announced last week.

Harrison currently serves as chairman of the board of the Public Schools Forum of North Carolina.

With over 40 years in public education, including his roles as a teacher, principal, superintendent, university instructor and educational consultant, Harrison will fill the role while the



Harrison

PSRC Board of Education conducts a search for the next superintendent to fill the vacancy for the next four-year term.

“I am honored to serve the students, families, educators and communities of Robeson County,”

said Harrison. “Public education has been my life’s work, and I look forward to working alongside the Board of Education, district leadership, school staff, and community partners to build

on the many successes achieved under the exemplary leadership of Dr. Williamson.”

Harrison was the superintendent of the Alamance-Burlington School System from 2015-18 and also served that district as interim superintendent in 2024. He served as superintendent of Cumberland County Schools from 1997 to 2009, and was previously superintendent in Orange County and Hoke County. He chaired the North Carolina State Board of Education from 2009 to 2013 and was a senior advisor to Gov. Bev Perdue on educational matters.



Williamson



Britt

County,” said PSRC Board of Education Chairman Tre’ Britt. “His extensive experience leading large and diverse school districts, combined with his deep understanding of North Carolina public education, makes him exceptionally qualified to our district during this transition.”

Harrison’s achievements in the field of academics have been recognized by the many honors that he has received. He was inducted into the East Carolina University’s Educators Hall of Fame, The North Carolina High School Athletics Hall of Fame, the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the Jay Robinson Leadership Award from The Public School Forum of North Carolina

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## SELC sues county over contaminated water near landfill

**Chris Stiles**  
The Robesonian

ST. PAULS — The Southern Environmental Law Center filed a lawsuit against Robeson County on Tuesday alleging violations of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) relating to the contamination of drinking water in the area around the Robeson County landfill east of St. Pauls.

SELC filed the suit on behalf of St. Pauls Community Action for Progress, a community group which has been advocating for solutions to the contamination.

The suit says that the Rocco Water Treatment Plant, located less than a mile from the landfill, is distributing water containing per- and

polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) into the county’s public water system, which provides water to over 67,000 residents across the county.

“We fear for the health and safety of our families and community and our repeated pleas for the county to stop its contamination have continued to fall on deaf ears,” said Sibyl Farr, executive director of St. Pauls Community Association for Progress. “For our families, schools, churches and businesses to thrive and be safe, we need clean water when we turn on our faucets to get a drink of water, cook and wash. Contaminated tap water is not acceptable.”

The Rocco facility

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Arlinda Locklear, right, an attorney and the vice chairman of Lumbees United for Accountability, wears a t-shirt saying “Vote No, Demand Better” as Tribal Speaker Alex Baker, left, presents a resolution in her honor during the Tribe’s federal recognition celebration on May 16 in Pembroke. The Tribe’s special election on a constitutional amendment to authorize and regulate gaming is Tuesday.

## Gaming vote divides Tribe

**Sarah Nagem**  
Border Belt Independent

PEMBROKE — Arlinda Locklear pushed for decades for the U.S. government to fully acknowledge the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina. As a tribal member and attorney, she spent countless hours researching Lumbee history and building a case to show why the group deserved the benefits available to

federally recognized tribes.

Most recently, Locklear testified in November alongside Tribal Chairman John Lowery before the U.S. Senate Commission on Indian Affairs. Together, they lamented — as Lumbee leaders had done for 137 years — lawmakers’ failure to act.

“Let me tell you,” Locklear told

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### LUMBEE TRIBE SPECIAL ELECTION

What: to approve/deny an amendment to the Tribal Constitution to authorize and regulate gaming on tribal territory  
When: Tuesday, June 23  
Polls open: 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at district polling sites  
Who can vote: All eligible enrolled Lumbee voters

## Red Springs residents raise concerns about Hurtt’s resignation, other issues

**Michele Chavis**  
The Robesonian

RED SPRINGS — Emotions flared during the community-led Citizens for a Better Red Springs meeting on Monday evening.

“We know that we need to address a lot of issues, and we are going to do that tonight,” said Renet McQueen, head of the orga-

nization. “The town manager has too much autonomy and together we can change the ordinances that allow this.”

McQueen was referring to several recent decisions made by Red Springs Town Manager, Shanelle Harris, that have left the small, tight-knit community in confusion and shock.

The sudden resignation of police

chief Antoinette Locklear Hurtt has left many citizens concerned about the town’s leadership.

“The concerns are coming from thousands of people about how much power one person should have,” said Carl Hurtt, husband of the former police chief. “My wife did not resign over a podcast. It

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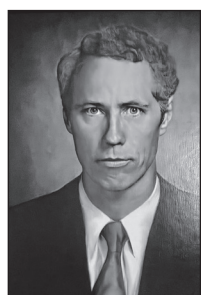
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## OBITUARIES

## REV. RUSSELL ALDEAN KINLAW, SR.



Rev. Russell Aldean Kinlaw, Sr., age 84, of Lumberton, passed away Thursday, June 18, 2026, at home. He was born in Robeson County on Feb. 18, 1942 to the late Proctor and Clyde Kinlaw.

On April 1, 1961, he married Betty Lou Edwards and spent 65 beautiful years together. At the age of 22, he surrendered

his life to Jesus and served him passionately for 63 years. During the 1970's and 80's, he began traveling the eastern United States preaching the gospel. He held numerous tent meetings and revival services, saw countless miracles, healings and deliverances, went on multiple mission trips to Mexico, and had a 50-plus year radio ministry.

He pastored multiple churches until 1992 when he and his wife founded the Pentecostal Faith of God Church. He pastored there faithfully until the time of his death. He was a man of prayer and dedication. Hours were spent on his knees and in Bible study. At the time of his passing, all three of his children, four grandchildren and their spouses, and his nine great-grandchildren are in church and serving Jesus. His dedication to God was wholehearted and God rewarded him richly.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Kinlaw of the home; his sons, Russell Kinlaw, Jr. (Donna) of Hope Mills and Earl Kinlaw (Jann) of Clinton, and daughter, Angela Wilkerson (Eddie) of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; four grandchildren: Hannah Herring (Adam) of Fuquay-Varina, Bethany Meadows of Newton Grove, Leah Brockmeyer (Brandon) of Dunn, and Joshua Kinlaw (Cydney) of Dunn; nine great-grandchildren and a great-granddaughter on the way.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, June 21, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Floyd Mortuary & Crematory, Inc., 809 East Fifth Street in Lumberton.

Funeral services will be held Monday, June 22 at 2 p.m. at Pentecostal Faith of God Church, 2650 McPhail Road in Lumberton, with Rev. Ray Butler, Rev. Russell Kinlaw, Jr., and Rev. Donald Haire officiating. Burial will follow at Meadowbrook Cemetery in Lumberton.

Online condolences can be made by visiting: [www.FloydMortuary.net](http://www.FloydMortuary.net).

*With Sympathy*

## JOHN COLE MEARES



John Cole Meares, 60, of Lumberton, passed away on Thursday, June 18, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family. He was born on Sept. 5, 1965, in Lumberton, North Carolina. John was the son of the late JoAnn Dowless Meares and Ertle Ray Meares.

John was preceded in death by his beloved son, Zachary Ray

Meares; his brother, Matthew Meares; his sister, Christina Meares; and nephew, Josh Meares.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 41 years, Tonya Meares; his son, John Cole Meares (Michael); his daughters, Candace Lee (Austin) and Ashleigh Meares (Nate); his brothers; William Meares (Teresa) and Thomas Meares (Cathy); and his sister, Kathy Shaw (Mike). He also leaves behind six cherished grandchildren: Kinsleigh Jackson, Braylon Jackson, Tristan Jackson, Bryson Meares, Ayden Lee and Oaklynd Lee, who brought immense joy to his life. In addition to his wife, children, and grandchildren, John is also survived by several beloved nieces and nephews who will cherish his memory.

John was a man of strong faith who loved God and treasured his family above all else. He found great satisfaction in his work and spent many years in the printing industry, a profession he truly loved. Later, he continued his career working for a grocery distributor, where he was known for his dedication and strong work ethics.

John will be remembered for his love, kindness, unwavering devotion to his family, and the strength of his faith. His legacy lives in the lives of those he touched and, in the memories, shared by his family and friends. Though our hearts are heavy with loss, we take comfort in knowing that John is at peace and reunited with those who went before him.

"Well done, good and faithful servant" - Matthew 25:23

The family will receive friends and loved ones on Sunday, June 21, 2026, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Floyd Mortuary & Crematory, Inc., 809 East Fifth Street in Lumberton.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, June 22, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Floyd Memorial Chapel, 809 East Fifth Street in Lumberton, with Rev. William Meares officiating. Burial will follow at Gardens of Faith Cemetery, 5190 North Fayetteville Road in Lumberton.

Online condolences can be made by visiting: [www.FloydMortuary.net](http://www.FloydMortuary.net).

# Fairmont approves annexation for apartment complex

Victoria Sanderson

The Robesonian

FAIRMONT — The Fairmont Board of Commissioners approved the annexation of The Reserve apartment site on Tuesday.

The annexation, which passed with a unanimous vote, will allow a new apartment building to be constructed on a lot near Pittman Mill Branch. The new complex is expected to have 60-plus units.

The board's decision came after a public hearing in which multiple members of the public expressed their disapproval of the project, citing concerns about the town's financial state and whether funding the apartment complex is a profitable choice for the town.

Resident Tara Ivey said she has called several apartment complexes under the same company that plans to build the complex in Fairmont. She claimed that she has not received a call back from any of the buildings she left messages with and that tenants reported a lack of on-site maintenance during business hours.

Additionally, resident Shea Ann DeJarnette expressed concerns about the fiscal responsibility of funding the complex, while resident Henry Beirnacki emphasized a petition that had been signed against the complex.

In contrast, resident Terry Evans expressed his support for the annexation and apartment complex, saying it is within code and there is no reason to refuse.

In public comments, Ivey also expressed her concern over the town's notification system for street closures and other maintenance events that may affect residents. She stated that she only discovered the road closures on the morning they took effect via Facebook and requested that the town implement a more consistent, earlier-alert system so residents have time to prepare alternate routes.

Additionally, the board tabled approving the budget until they hold a final budget workshop meeting next Tuesday.

Contact Victoria Sanderson at [vsanderson@robsonian.com](mailto:vsanderson@robsonian.com).

# Tribal Council donates to SAFE Program

Chris Stiles

The Robesonian

PEMBROKE — The Lumbee Tribal Council made a donation to the Robeson County Sheriff's Office's Substance Abuse Freedom & Education (SAFE) Program during its monthly meeting Thursday in Pembroke, helping the program's mission to provide treatment for those struggling with addiction.

Council presented Sheriff Burnis Wilkins with a check for \$5,000.

"The SAFE program provides immediate access to treatment and rehabilitation services, removes barriers such as lack of awareness, financial hardship and transportation, reduces overdose fatalities and drug-related crime and strengthens families by restoring individuals to productive, drug-free lives," said Tribal Councilman Rudy Locklear,



Lumbee Tribal Speaker Alex Baker, center left, presents Robeson County Sheriff Burnis Wilkins, center right, with a \$5,000 donation to the SAFE Program during Thursday's Tribal Council meeting in Pembroke.

reading from a resolution.

Approximately 630 individuals have been served in the SAFE Program since it was established in 2023; of those, 414 are Native American, or 65.7%.

"This program is a volunteer program, it's not anything that's court-

ordered ... that's folks that have contacted us, that want to go through this program," Wilkins said. "You just don't understand how much this is going to help us, and we're going to continue our fight."

The SAFE Program is a collaboration between RCSO, the Robeson County Drug Courts and the District Attorney's office.

### Tribe honors Blue

Council also made a presentation honoring Robeson County Manager Kellie Blue, recognizing her recent appointment as chairman of the

UNC Board of Governors.

Blue has served on the UNC Board of Governors since 2017. Her term as chairman begins on July 1.

"Throughout her distinguished career, Mrs. Kellie has exemplified integrity, excellence and steadfast commitment to strengthening communities, expanding opportunity and improving the lives of others," Tribal Speaker Alex Baker said, reading from the resolution.

"I hope that some little girl or boy that comes after me from this community does the same thing, and they prove that



Lumbee Tribal Speaker Alex Baker, center left, and Tribal Councilman Rudy Locklear, center right, present Kellie Blue, center, with a resolution honoring her appointment as chairman of the UNC Board of Governors during Thursday's Tribal Council meeting in Pembroke.

we do have a seat at the table, because it's very important," Blue said. "If we don't have a seat at the table, we're going to be on the menu, and quite frankly, I'd rather us direct our own path."

### Chairman's report

Interim Tribal Administrator Ronnie Locklear, on behalf of Chairman John Lowery, advised Council that the Tribe is working to finalize its budget for the 2026-27 fiscal year, which will be presented soon.

The Tribe's special election on a constitutional amendment to authorize and regulate gaming in tribal territory is Tuesday; polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Locklear said the Tribe's staff has worked

to coordinate with the Lumbee Tribe Election Board in the weeks leading up to the election to ensure it runs smoothly.

Lowery will deliver the State of the Tribe address on June 30. The event begins at 6 p.m. at the Pembroke Boys & Girls Club.

In other business, Vee Oxendine, a delegate to the N.C. Commission on Indian Affairs, gave an update. At the commission's recent meeting, the Catawba Nation became the ninth state-recognized tribe; the Catawba is based in Rock Hill, South Carolina, but many of its members live in south central North Carolina. The Catawba are one of three federally recognized tribes among the group of state-recognized tribes.

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FROM THE LEGISLATURE

# Budd helps introduce bill to codify Hurricane Hunter mission

WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. Ted Budd (R-N.C.), member of the Senate Commerce and Science Committee, joined committee Chairman Ted Cruz (R-Tex.) and Ranking Member Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) in introducing the Hurricane Hunter Aircraft Recapitalization Act. The legislation will, for the first time, codify the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Hurricane Hunter mission in federal law and authorize up to nine Hurricane Hunter aircraft. It also includes provisions to better prepare the nation's first line of defense against stronger and more frequent hurricanes, atmospheric

also carry out atmospheric river reconnaissance, providing data that improves forecasting of the extreme precipitation events that drive flooding and landslides across the western United States. The existing fleet is aging, and without investment in replacement aircraft and modernized radar and remote sensing capabilities, the continuity of these life-saving missions is at risk. For example, NOAA's two WP-3D aircraft that fly through hurricanes, Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy, will reach the end of their service life in 2030. While two C-130J

aircraft are currently being built to replace them, with increasing severe storms and atmospheric rivers, NOAA needs additional aircraft to meet their mission requirements. The Hurricane Hunter Aircraft Recapitalization Act would: — Increase authorization of appropriations to purchase more Hurricane Hunter aircraft and for NOAA aircraft operations and maintenance. — Codify NOAA's Hurricane Hunter mission in federal law, establishing a permanent statutory foundation for airborne weather reconnaissance and research.



Budd

— Increase the authorized number of C-130J aircraft from a maximum of six, to at least six and up to nine, to meet increasing storm demands across the country. — Direct NOAA to acquire aircraft to meet its airborne weather reconnaissance mission, including atmospheric river reconnaissance that supports flood forecasting in the West and across the country. — Require NOAA to maintain backup aircraft to ensure continuity of operations if aircraft are grounded due to maintenance or mechanical issues. — Modernize airborne radar and remote sens-

ing capabilities to ensure Hurricane Hunter aircraft are equipped with the most up to technology available. — Authorize multi-year contracting authority for future aircraft acquisition and support, enabling more efficient and cost-effective procurement needed to speed up aircraft purchases and save taxpayer dollars. — Codify the requirement that NOAA maintain a sufficient number of qualified NOAA Corps pilots, preserving the specialized expertise these Hurricane Hunter flights demand.

Items for the "From The Legislature" column come from press material submitted by local, state and federal elected officials.



Contributed photo | Repeat Performance  
Pictured, from left, are Twilla Allen from Meals on Wheels, Stephanie Andrade from The Robeson House, Virginia Locklear from the Rape Crisis Center of Robeson County, Repeat Performance Thrift Shop board member Floyd Locklear, Scott Bigelow from Backpack Pals, Lisa Hunt from Sacred Pathways, Mike Bentley from Lumberton Christian Care Center, Emily Locklear from Southeastern Family Violence Center and Repeat Performance Thrift Shop manager Tina McLamb. Repeat Performance donated to each of these organizations at its board meeting on Tuesday.

## Repeat Performance Thrift Shop celebrates four decades as community lifeline

Staff report

LUMBERTON — Tucked away at 208 North Chestnut Street in the heart of downtown Lumberton, a modest storefront continues to serve as the quiet engine driving local humanitarian aid. Repeat Performance Thrift Shop, a community staple founded in 1982 by Trinity Episcopal Church, marks over four decades of turning secondhand donations into firsthand survival for the county's most vulnerable residents.

### A foundation of faith and care

The shop was originally conceived by church leadership as a sustainable funding model for the Lumberton Christian Care Center which Trinity Episcopal founded to combat rising food and housing insecurity in the area.

By operating a volunteer-driven retail space, the church established a permanent financial pipeline directly benefiting the Center's soup kitchen and temporary shelter.

### Shopping with a purpose

Each purchase directly funds daily meals and overnight lodging for local individuals experiencing homelessness or financial crisis. The thrift shop relies entirely on community donations, recycling gently used clothing, jewelry, toys, treasures and household goods into critical operational capital. Local organizers credit the shop's longevity to the enduring generosity of Lumberton residents, who have sustained the dual mission of retail therapy and

crisis relief for 44 years. Their continued growth and success reflect a community-wide commitment to caring for neighbors, strengthening families and addressing critical needs across Robeson County and allows generous donations to several area non-profits.

This year, Repeat Performance's tradition of giving remains as strong as ever. At their monthly board meeting on Tuesday, the thrift shop awarded \$10,000 to the Lumberton Christian Care Center, continuing its longstanding commitment to the organization that inspired its creation. In addition, six other community organizations each received gifts of \$3,000 to support their missions and services.

Recipients include Sacred Pathways, which serves individuals experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity; Backpack Pals, a program of Communities In Schools that provides food assistance to students facing hunger on weekends and school breaks; Southeastern Family Violence Center, which offers shelter and support for victims of domestic violence; the Rape Crisis Center of Robeson County, which provides advocacy and resources for survivors of sexual assault; Meals on Wheels through the Lum-

ber River Area Agency on Aging, which delivers nutritious meals and wellness checks to homebound seniors; and the Robeson House, which provides a temporary emergency residential care facility housing children in the custody of the Department of Social Services and the Department of Juvenile Services.

What began as a church-sponsored thrift shop more than four decades ago has evolved into a powerful force for local philanthropy. Every donated item accepted and every purchase made at Repeat Performance helps extend the reach of organizations that provide food, shelter, protection and hope.

The success of Repeat Performance stands as a testament to what can be accomplished when a community comes together with a shared purpose. Through countless volunteer hours, charitable donations and faithful patronage, the thrift shop continues to prove that small acts of generosity can create a lasting impact.

For many local non-profits, Repeat Performance is more than a thrift store; it is a partner in service and a vital source of support that helps improve lives throughout Robeson County.

## N.C. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

# The beast beneath your feet

LUMBERTON — Is your grass disappearing? Does it seem like those thin turf spots are getting larger every year? Are there broadleaf weeds growing where the grass has declined? If you have answered yes to one or more of these previous questions, you may have a pest issue you will not want to deal with. I have noticed in the last several years there has been an increase on my scouting, and finding this relatively new pest affectionately called ground pearl. The name sounds so much more eloquent than what this insect actually is; this is a pearl I am sure you do not want.

Ground pearl is a scale type-pest belonging to the family Margarodidae. They lurk just below your feet in the root zone of your turf. The adult females are a bright magenta pink, about the size of a small tick. Digging in your soil will reveal white masses which are the egg sacks containing 100 or more eggs that hatch early spring. The young nymphs are where the name originated. Once they start feeding, they are small, globular cysts that are yellowish-brown in color and similar in size to a BB shot. These cysts are covered in a hard, waxy shell, making any type of treatment very difficult. These pests literally attach to the turf roots with their piercing/sucking mouthpart called a proboscis, like a mosquito, and ingest the nutrients the plant needs to survive, stressing the plant to the point of death.

Ground pearls are becoming a serious pest, especially in our warm, sandy soils which they find very favorable. In my work history, I have seen them causing significant decline in many types of turf, including zoysia, carpetgrass, St. Augustine and especially centipede. Centipede appears to be most susceptible to their damage. I have found them in landscapes on liri-ope where there was very little turf left for them to consume. Some varieties



Mack Johnson  
N.C. Cooperative Extension

of bermudagrass seems capable to withstand the damage caused by ground pearl, so they give the appearance of being resistant. Unfortunately, at this time there is very little that can be done to chemically control them once their presence has been confirmed. Best management practices include soil tests regularly, water when needed, and mowing at the recommended height. Keep your turf as healthy as possible to combat the damage caused by the ground pearl.

If you have areas in your lawn that have been confirmed or even suspected, you don't want to accidentally move them to new sites. They can be mechanically relocated by moving infected soil to a new area. This can be as simple as taking soil samples and not cleaning the probe or shovel between sites. A core aerator can easily spread this unwanted pest all over your lawn.

You can easily look for ground pearl yourself. They will be most concentrated in the zone of transition between healthy appearing turf and the bare spots. Using a shovel to cut a "C" into the turf about six inches deep and then flipping the cut sod over often will quickly reveal their presence. If needed, you can take a small blade and scrape the soil gently, revealing more of the roots as you scrape closer up to the soil line. If you see small yellowish beads, see if they will pop leaving a wet spot when crushed. Ground pearl will pop and granules of sand will not.

You can reach out to your local Extension Service for further information on more tolerant grass varieties and grass maintenance calendars to help keep your turf as healthy as possible.

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# Editorial

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## HIS VIEW

# Do we want more people to vote or not?

One of the cornerstones of America's Democratic Republic is our right to elect those who would lead us. And in almost every election, whether municipal, statewide or national, there are orchestrated Get Out the Vote campaigns urging all registered voters to exercise their constitutional right to vote. We have traditionally believed that the larger the number who vote, the more likely we will choose good leaders.



**Tom Campbell**  
Contributing columnist

Our state and nation have implemented measures to encourage voting, including voting by mail, early voting prior to Election Day and curbside voting for those with mobility issues. In 2020, our state turnout for the presidential election was 75.35%, the highest since the 1972 election. The 2024 presidential turnout declined to 73.73%.

But some recent events have raised doubts about whether we really want more people to vote.

In 2013, our Republican-controlled legislature suggested that there might be voter fraud in our elections, though no evidence was ever presented to back up those claims; they passed a law requiring voters to present photo identification before getting a ballot. The bill met with opposition, largely from minority groups who complained that many who don't drive won't have a photo ID. Court cases ensued over what was a legitimate ID. In 2018, a Constitutional Amendment passed affirming Voter ID.

North Carolina allows any registered voter to request an absentee ballot. Historically, that ballot would be counted if postmarked by Election Day and received within three days of the election, understanding the U.S. Mail service might sometimes delay overseas and other ballots. But in 2023, our legislature, again citing possible fraud, decided that an absentee ballot must be received by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day; must contain a state driver's license number, state ID card number or the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number; and be verified by two witness signatures.

Voters obviously prefer to vote early rather than on Election Day. In 2024, 72.6% voted early, only 19.8% were same day voters and 5.12% came from absentee ballots. But both our legislative chambers have proposed measures that would reduce the number of days for early voting, reducing the number of Sundays to as few as one. A Senate proposal would require voters to register with a party one full year before voting, instead of the current 90 days.

Legislators say more early voting days puts more financial and personnel strains on our counties, since counties are responsible for staffing and paying for elections. But if legislators really wanted to help our counties they could open their pocketbooks and reimburse their costs.

Here's the real reason for early voting changes: Republicans can count. 49% of early votes were cast by Democrats and 43% came from Republicans. Black voters participate in large numbers on Sundays through "Souls to the Polls" efforts in their churches. Restrictions on early voting will improve their chances to win, Republicans believe.

Republicans have already stacked the deck by gerrymandering our congressional and legislative districts.

It might frighten you to know just how much is known about you. "Big Brother" knows far more than you might think: where you live, how much you earn, where you spend your money, what causes you support, how frequently you vote and any political contributions you have made. They know what clothes you wear, what brands you buy, what leisure activities you enjoy, your work history, education history and with whom you associate. Political operatives can use this data to determine what political district you will be assigned to and can surgically carve out districts that benefit their party... and they do.

Republicans want people to vote. They just want THEIR people to vote. And if Democrats were in charge, they would no doubt do the same. But neither Democrats nor Republicans truly want more people to vote. If they did, they wouldn't ignore the largest voting bloc in the state.

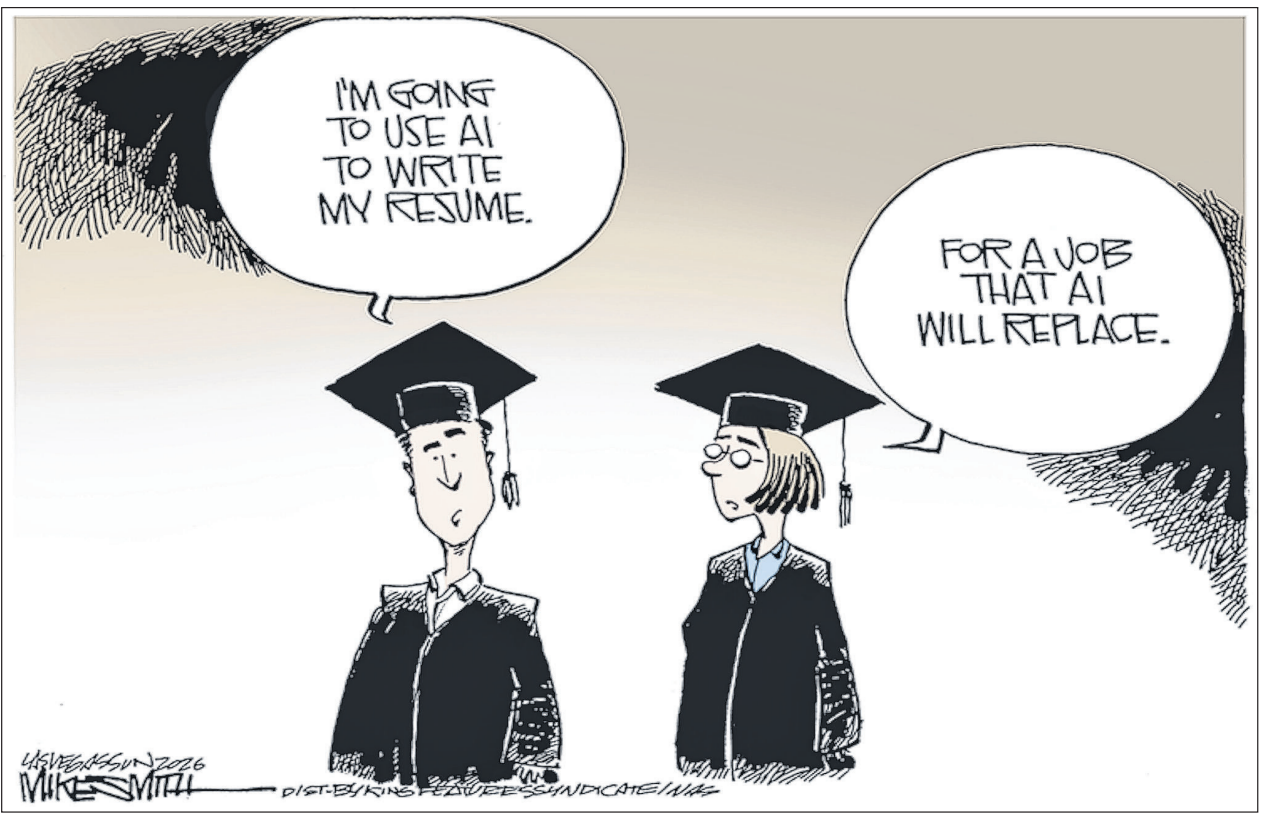
Former Supreme Court Justice Bob Orr recently told a crowd that our elections exclude the largest segment of voters. Unaffiliated voters now amount to 39% of registered voters. Republicans come in second at 30.25% and Democrats are 30.21%, according to recently published data from Carolina Public Press.

These unaffiliated voters have no voice of their own. Unaffiliated candidates don't appear on a ballot unless they can collect an unreasonably large number of signatures to gain ballot access. Only one unaffiliated or independent has been elected to our General Assembly and none have won a congressional seat or become a member of our Council of State.

If we truly believe that our system works best when the largest number participate, we can no longer ignore this group. We must revise our elections so unaffiliated voters can fully participate and be elected.

If we aren't willing to change, we have proved we really don't want more people to vote.

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## HIS VIEW

# Weekend looks good, even if unhealthy

As a 68-year-old man in what I will declare to be moderately good health, I have a life expectancy of about 21 years, meaning I will expire at age 89.

I can live with that.

That is according to a test I just took on the Internet that popped up after I googled "how long will I live." The 13 questions range from male or female with nothing in-between, family history of heart disease, driving habits, height and weight, alcohol consumption, smoking, drug use, exercise, stress levels, diet and blood pressure to how often a person visits the doctor.

I dodged a bullet when it seemed unconcerned about the homicide rate of my home county.

Here is the link if your curiosity is similarly morbid: <https://media.nmfn.com/tnetwork/lifespan/index.html#0>

Since I took the test alone, with no one watching over my shoulder, I answered all the questions honestly, with no fudging like I sometimes do when I see my primary physician and the nurse begins by asking lifestyle questions. I tend to round in a favorable direction depending on the question, down for alcohol, up for exercise.

The test provides a running estimate of a person's life expectancy with each question answered, and it had me for 79 years before I answered the first question, so my lifestyle apparently added a decade. As an experiment, I retook the test, providing what I determined to be the most lethal answer to each question and it would only promise one more birthday, which is Aug. 26.

I found it interesting that it docked me three years for my alcohol intake and only added two of those years back for the fact that I have never smoked cigarettes. Well, maybe a couple of times at Troll's in the late 1970s when I was trying with limited success to look cool.

I would have filed a formal protest, but that option was not provided.

I am of the belief that genes are the biggest predictor of life expectancy, and I have been blessed with



**Donnie Douglas**  
Contributing columnist

good ones. My father made it to 88, and my mother will turn 92 on Aug. 2.

That said, I do not discount lifestyle habits as an important indicator, which is why I determined I would remain active when forced into early retirement, taking a job at a golf course that requires me to move about a bit.

The other reason I took a job is because I once googled how much money does a person need to live to age 89 and noticed a slight shortfall.

But the point is, I am convinced that being sedentary is the primary threat to an extended life. Knowing that, I might shorten my runway this weekend.

Right now, I am sitting in my recliner, watching the U.S. Open, which is in the second hour of a 13-hour broadcast. It is raining outside, meaning I can do so guilt-free, with no little guy on my shoulder whispering in my ear to get up and get going.

The only thing on my to-do list today is my Power Lunch, and since I have a gift card to a local seafood restaurant, it is looking like fried seafood for lunch, which might also knock a few hours off that life expectancy.

Saturday promises more of the same, with the U.S. Open once again consuming more than half of the day. As soon as the U.S. Open ends, my North Carolina Tar Heels will play Game 1 in the championship series of the College World Series, putting a midnight period on an 18-hour day of a sloth-like existence.

I will arise early on Sunday to work, but the U.S. Open and UNC baseball will again have my attention beginning at 1 p.m. There will be a few trips here and there, the garden, bathroom, fridge and perhaps even to the grocery store wedged in, primarily during commercials with the use of the pause button.

I understand that melted into a recliner for most of three straight days watching the U.S. Open and the Tar Heels trying to win the World Series is not the healthiest way to spend a weekend.

But try as I have, I cannot think of a better way.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

# Freedom for all

For the majority of those who are reading this column, the adoption of a new federal holiday by the United States is a rare occurrence. In fact, anyone under the age of 100 could have only seen five at the most (Currently, there are 11 permanent federal holidays total. Can you name them all?). Our most recent federally recognized holiday is still new for many Americans, not just because only a few years have passed since it was signed into law in 2021, but also because it is tied to a specific historical moment for a specific community. That holiday is Juneteenth. While many of us may only now be beginning to understand its significance, what it ultimately celebrates, freedom, is a foundational truth important for all Americans, and for people of faith in particular.



**Rev. Joshua K. Owens**  
Contributing columnist

Juneteenth (short for June nineteenth) is the celebration of the end of chattel slavery in the United States — more specifically, the end of slavery in Texas. After President Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, it would be another two years before folks who were enslaved in Galveston, Texas, would learn the news of its signing, and thus their freedom, albeit a delayed one.

Just think about that for a moment: liberation and freedom had been declared. The Civil War had ended. However, in Texas, enslaved people were still in bondage simply because the news hadn't reached them yet.

They were living in slavery while legal freedom was present elsewhere. In the years following, formerly enslaved families of that community organized festivities on June 19 that grew to other households beyond Texas, before finally becoming the nationally recognized celebration.

Here's why Juneteenth matters for every American, regardless of our race or background: it reminds us of the crucial truth that just because something has been declared, it does not mean that it is immediately experienced by those it is intended for. In fact, those proclamations are just the starting point from which we work to obtain in full that which has been promised. When we acknowledge Juneteenth, we don't just remember one singular historical event; we are also recognizing the sad reality that the promise of America — that all people are created equally and endowed with inalienable rights — has not always been extended equally to everyone, and in many instances, it still hasn't been today. Even after 160 years, we are still working to make the promise a reality.

There are many instances with individuals or long-held systems or structures that withhold common human decency and rights on account of things like someone's race, gender, economic status or ethnic heritage. While admitting this reality may not always be comfortable for us, nor does it contribute to the sense of celebration or revelry, the truth remains that the only way to build a better future is not to ignore the past. Instead, we are to learn from it, wrestle with our failures, and humbly receive our call to do and be better.

That kind of thinking is not too dissimilar from the acknowledgements that people of faith make in their spiritual journeys as well. The journey begins with the acknowledgement of human brokenness, of severing what God had intended the world to be. There is confession leading to repentance, to literally change one's direction, believing that the goodness of the one true Savior can shine the light to guide our path. Finally, there is the full-hearted commitment to not just a one-time declaration, but the lifelong expectation of growing and becoming more like the person embodied in the holy example of Jesus.

The Bible rings loudly and repeatedly with the themes of liberation and freedom that are found in Juneteenth celebrations. Consider the Exodus story, a central element of God's story with the Lord's children, where enslaved people were liberated from oppression. Or take Jesus, who in the early days of his ministry announced his mission statement by quoting Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free" (Luke 4:18-19, NLT). Given the Bible's clear stance, here is the challenge for all of us today: If we claim to follow Jesus, if we hold the belief that every human is created in the image of God (Imago Dei) and thus holds God-given dignity and worth, then we cannot ignore the necessary, continuing work of creating meaningful freedom and equality for all of God's children.

Doing this kind of faithful work asks multiple things of us. It requires us to examine our biases and blind spots. Those are often only identifiable when we listen to the stories and experiences of those who live outside of our circles of familiarity, particularly those whose freedom has been delayed or diminished. It means looking for opportunities to not sustain systems of oppression, and where possible, speak up, act, and work to rid them from society entirely. Furthermore, for people of faith, it means committing ourselves to the work of justice, not just simply as acts of charity towards others, but endeavoring to have the world reflect our deepest faith convictions of what the Kingdom of God looks like. A Kingdom that builds abundance and blessings for all, and certainly not one that benefits some at the expense of others.

I know there are various levels of acknowledgement and celebration of the Juneteenth holiday, but I hope that at some point this weekend, all of us might consider asking ourselves a few questions. Questions like, "What does freedom mean to me?", "How might my understanding of American history still be growing or expanding?" "What role can I play in continuing the work toward true freedom and equality for all people?" And finally, "How does my faith call me to think about justice, dignity and the liberation of all people?"

Our nation's newest federal holiday is both a celebration and a call to continuing work. We celebrate the courage and resilience of those who pursued freedom. We celebrate how far we have come. Yet, we also acknowledge there is still work to be done. Juneteenth serves as a reminder to Americans and people of faith that freedom is not a destination that we reach and then rest, but it is a daily pursuit of a society in which all people can flourish as the people God has created them to be. Followers of Jesus believe in a God who fosters justice, who demands we see the divine image in every person, and who expects the children of God to work for the freedom and dignity of all. This holiday invites us all into that work. So as our nation commemorates this day, let's do more than just acknowledge a day in our nation's history, but let's recommit ourselves to the everyday work of forging a nation where freedom truly rings for all people.

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CHURCH OF THE WEEK



**Victory Christian Center**  
— Address: 2007 Oakwood Ave., Lumberton  
— Pastor: Rev. Myron Barfield and Prophetess Shauna Barfield  
— Number: 910-644-6340  
— Service schedule: Sunday Worship at 11 a.m., Wednesday Prayer at 7 p.m., Thursday Bible Study at 7 p.m. (online)  
— Established: December 2015

— Denomination: Non-denominational prophetic apostolic  
— Congregation: 50  
— Favorite scripture: Isaiah 40:31  
"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

CHURCH CALENDAR

ONGOING

**Antioch Presbyterian Church**, 6583 Red Springs Road, Red Springs. For more information, call 910-843-4398.

**Bethany Christian Fellowship**, at 307 S. Jones St. in Pembroke, holds Sunday School at 10 a.m. and Sunday morning worship service at 11 a.m. Bible study is at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. Rev. Charles P. Locklear is the pastor.

**Beulah Baptist Church**, 6516 Beulah Church Road, Lumberton.

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints** at 4901 Independence Dr., Lumberton. Sacrament Meeting begins at 10 a.m., followed by Priesthood, Relief Society, Young Men/Young Women and Primary classes. This week's "Come Follow Me" lesson is "No Weapon That Is Formed against You Shall Prosper" from Doctrine and Covenants 71-75. Find details at <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/>.

**Cornerstone Community Church**, at 702 Dunn Road in Lumberton, holds Sunday School at 10 a.m., Sunday worship at 11 a.m., evangelistic service every first and third Sunday at 6 p.m.; and children and youth meet every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Roosevelt Scott is the senior pastor.

**Crown of Life Outreach Ministries**, at 114 W. Blue St. Pauls, meets each Sunday for prayer at 10 a.m., Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m. Every Saturday there is prayer at noon. There is Monday Bible study at 7 p.m. Pastor Kenneth R. McAllister is the church pastor. For information, call 910-316-5712 or 910-774-6376.

**Deeper Truth Deliverance Center**, at 6154 Wire Grass Road in Orrum, meets for Sunday school 10-11 a.m., and Morning Worship at 11:30 a.m. Bible Study is Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Cycachee Scott is the pastor.

**Expanding the Vision of Kingdom Ministries**, at 101 Industrial

Drive in Fairmont, meets Sunday for Christian Living Class at 10 a.m., and for Morning Worship at 11:30 a.m. Bible Study is held on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Apostle Marcia Lassiter is the pastor. The phone number is 910-280-0509.

**Greater McKoy's Chapel Inc.**, at 284 Center Road in Dublin, holds Sunday School at 10 a.m., and morning worship at 11 a.m. Sundays. Pastoral Sundays are second, third and fourth Sundays; and Deacon and Deaconess Day or Ministers and Christian Women's Day are on first Sunday. YPCW is at 6 p.m. and Bible Study at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. Dr. Delora A. LeSane is the pastor.

**Outreach Family Fellowship**, 136 Pee Dee Church Road, Dillon. Service begin at 9 a.m. Dress in your casual wear and come worship with us. Dinner will be served after the service. Pastors will be Apostle Michael E. Goings and Overseer Dr. Louise Goings.

**Pentecostal United Holy Church**, 2300 Gavintown Road, Lumberton. Elder Raymond Pearson, and special music by the Men's Choir. Everyone is invited. Bishop Russell Rogers, Pastor. For more information, call 910-734-6173.

**Power in Prayer Ministry**, a conference line prayer ministry, takes place on Saturday mornings from 6:15 to 6:30 a.m. at any location by phone. Call 605-475-4120 to join in (ID number - 3390591#). The prayer leader is Sister Shelia Caviness-Branyon. Email a prayer request to [powerinword@aol.com](mailto:powerinword@aol.com).

**Refuge Christian Center**, at 111 S. Railroad St. in Rowland, holds Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service at 11 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer at 6 p.m. and Bible Study at 7 p.m. Rev. S. Lomax Bryant is the pastor.

**Shiloh Tabernacle in Shannon**, 10410 Shannon Road, Shannon, sponsors a free meal and free

food bank and clothes giveaway including sanitary needs 4-6 p.m. every Thursday. The nondenominational church is open to everyone with no appointment needed, the church is sponsored in part by Waccamaw Chapel Food Pantry. Call 910 359 8030 for more information.

**Smyrna Baptist Church**, at 8003 N.C. 211 East, Lumberton, meets for Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., and worship service at 11 a.m. Morning Bible Study is at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays as well as evening service is 7:30 p.m. Rev. Carl Pevia is the church pastor. For more information call 910-733-2592, 910-774-0707.

**St. Joseph Miracle Revival Center** at 4657 Daniel McLeod Road, Red Springs, Saturday Morning Prayer will begin at 9 a.m. followed by Seminars at 10 a.m. Saturday afternoon will begin at 1:30 p.m.. Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m. followed by Sunday Morning Service at 11 a.m.

**St. Marks Lutheran Church**, 202 West 24th St., Lumberton; 910-739-2329, [stmarksln.org](http://stmarksln.org). Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays, Worship Service is at 10:30 p.m. Sundays. Fellowship begins at 11:30 a.m.

**Tabernacle Baptist Church**, on N.C. 711 in Pembroke, holds Sunday Worship Service at 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School at 11 a.m.; and Wednesday Bible Study, and Children and Youth Night at 7 p.m. The Rev. Randy Freeman is the pastor.

**The Fairmont Ministerial Alliance** meets every third Saturday of the month at Jonesville Baptist Church at 327 Mill Branch Road, Fairmont. Breakfast is at 8:30 a.m. The meeting starts at 9 a.m. New members are welcome. Dr. Martine Spencer is the president.

For your church event to be included in the Church Calendar, send it to Editor Chris Stiles at [cstiles@robsonian.com](mailto:cstiles@robsonian.com).

**THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE**

...Even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies. Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread. 2 THESSALONIANS 3:10,12

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Red Springs High School graduate Marco Tellez, left, is presented with a certificate commemorating the 2026 Energizing Tomorrow's Leaders Scholarship by Scott Mayo, right, of Cypress Creek Energy.

# Red Springs' Tellez awarded scholarship by Cypress Creek Energy

Staff report

RED SPRINGS — Red Springs High School graduate Marco Tellez has been selected by Cypress Creek Energy as a recipient of the 2026 Energizing Tomorrow's Leaders Scholarship award. This scholarship recognizes academic achievement, leadership potential and the recipient's commitment to shaping the future of their community.

Each recipient received a one-time \$2,500 scholarship to support tuition, housing, books and other educational expenses associated with their post-secondary education. As part of the application process, the students were asked to submit a short video responding to the question, "How does renewable energy affect your future?"

"The future of our industry, our communities, and our country will be shaped by young people like these students," said Kevin Smith, CEO of Cypress Creek Energy. "One of the most rewarding parts of this program

is seeing the talent, ambition, and creativity that exists in the communities where we operate. We're proud to support these students as they take the next step in their education and look forward to seeing the impact they'll make in the years ahead."

The Energizing Tomorrow's Leaders scholarship program was launched in 2023 to positively impact young people in the communities where Cypress Creek develops and operates solar and battery storage projects, as well as to encourage students to consider careers in energy or other STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) fields. In 2026, the program expanded to 33 municipalities. Since its launch, Cypress Creek has awarded 207 scholarships totaling \$343,500 to students in 50 municipalities nationwide.

The scholarship program reflects Cypress Creek's ongoing commitment to investing in the communities where it develops and operates energy projects.

# PSRC invites families to New Principal Meet and Greet events

Jessica Sealey  
For The Robesonian

ROBESON COUNTY — The Public Schools of Robeson County invites students, families, staff and community members to attend New Principal Meet-and-Greet Events on Thursday, July 9 at 6 p.m. at their respective school sites.

The events will provide an opportunity for families to meet the district's newest school leaders and learn about their vision for the upcoming academic year.

"This is an exciting time for our schools and communities," said PSRC Superintendent Freddie Williamson. "Our principals play a vital role as instructional leaders in our buildings, and these meet and greet events offer families the opportunity to connect with the leaders who will serve their children each day."

The following schools will host meet and greet

events:

- Fairmont Middle School – Isabel McClain
- Littlefield Middle School – Talissa Fann
- St. Pauls Middle School – Lakeshia Revels
- Union Chapel Elementary School – Billy Haggans
- Southside-Ashpole Elementary School – Tawanna Curry
- Townsend Elementary School – Gwendolyn Rogers

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet the principal, engage in conversation and learn more about the school's goals and priorities for the 2026-2027 academic year.

The Public Schools of Robeson County encourages all families and community members to attend and help welcome these outstanding educational leaders as they begin serving their new school communities.

For more information, contact the Public



McClain



Fann



Revels



Haggans



Curry



Rogers

Schools of Robeson County Communications Office at 910-671-6000 Ext. 3006.

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## CRIME ROUNDUP

# Arrest made in Red Springs stabbing death

Staff report

RED SPRINGS — Investigators have made an arrest in connection with a death investigation that began last Saturday in Red Springs.

Kendell T. Cogdell, 20, of Red Springs, surrendered to investigators at the Robeson County Sheriff's Office Wednesday afternoon. Cogdell has been charged with second-degree murder in connection with the death of William Dial, 42, also of Red Springs. Cogdell is being held in the custody of the Robeson County Detention Center with no bond.

On Saturday, June 13, at approximately 12:00 p.m., deputies with the Robeson County Sheriff's Office responded to the 800 block of McBride Road just outside Red Springs in reference to an individual stabbed. Upon the arrival of the Deputies, Dial was located deceased at the scene.

Cogdell was also injured during the incident and was treated for injuries. The Robeson County Sheriff's Office Homicide Division investigated the case.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to contact the Robeson County Sheriff's Office at 910-671-3100.

"Under our system of justice, every person is presumed to be innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. The information contained in this post is not intended to be an expression of opinion regarding guilt," a social media post by RSCO states. "The views and opinions expressed by private citizens who may comment on this post are not adopted by and do not reflect the official policy or position of this law enforcement agency."

"The Sheriff's Office does not issue or determine bond amounts," the post also said. "This is done through a judicial official, such as a judge or magistrate, as per N.C. General Statute 15A-532. Many factors are considered when determining bond amounts."

### Murder suspect charged with additional felonies

A suspect who was recently charged with the death of a female who was reported missing has been charged with additional felony offenses in connection



Cogdell



McDonald

to an unrelated investigation. Anthony Ray McDonald, 37, of Lumberton was charged this morning with the attempted first-degree murder, first-degree kidnapping and assault by strangulation.

During the death investigation of Nancy Ellen Lowry, 68, of Lumberton, investigators learned that McDonald had assaulted a male on Tuesday, June 2, on Seventh Street Road, just outside Lumberton.

Lowry was reported missing by family members on Wednesday, June 3, 2026.

McDonald is currently being held without bond at the Robeson County Detention Center.

The investigation is being led by the Robeson County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division.

Anyone with information related to this case is asked to contact the Robeson County Sheriff's Office at 910-671-3100.

### Robeson man sentenced to 25 years for producing child pornography

A federal judge last week sentenced Zackary Helsel, 26, to 25 years in prison for recording his rape of a 12-year-old girl. On March 12, 2026, Helsel pleaded guilty to the production of child sexual abuse material (CSAM).

"Protecting our children is the highest priority for federal prosecutors in the EDNC. We will prosecute anyone engaging in this heinous conduct to the fullest extent of the law. We will stomp out evil behavior by depraved spiders like this whenever we find them," said U.S. Attorney Ellis Boyle.

Helsel repeatedly sexually abused a 12-year-old girl between February and May 2025. Helsel recorded at least some of this horrendous sexual abuse on his cell phone and used the content to blackmail his victim. While executing a search warrant, law enforcement discovered the video he made on his cell phone.

Ellis Boyle, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, made the announcement after sentencing by Chief U.S. District Judge Richard E. Myers II. The Robeson County Sheriff's Office and the FBI investigated the case, and Assistant United States Attorney Karen Houghton prosecuted the case.



Helsel

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## Gaming

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the committee, “that has been a heartbreaking process for the Lumbee people.”

Six weeks later, the U.S. Senate passed the Lumbee Fairness Act. President Donald Trump signed it into law the next day, on Dec. 18, making the Lumbee the 575th federally recognized tribe in the nation.

During a celebration last month in Robeson County, where the 60,000-member tribe has its headquarters, Locklear joined a procession of tribal leaders and politicians, including both U.S. senators from North Carolina, who fought for recognition. They beamed as they waved and shook hands with tribal members, who proudly cheered them on.

But amid the excitement, Locklear was troubled. She wore a T-shirt that read, “Vote No Demand Better.”

Lumbees will vote June 23 on whether to amend the Tribal Constitution to open the door for a casino, an option available to federally recognized tribes. Critics, including Locklear, worry the change would give the tribal chairperson undue influence over major decisions made behind closed doors.

Locklear is vice president of Lumbees United for Accountability, which encourages tribal members to vote against the proposed amendment. The group says it isn't anti-gaming, but it wants oversight, transparency and “a real balance of power, not the currently proposed concentration of power.”

Some Lumbees have already questioned the Tribe's recent \$6.8 million purchase of land along Interstate 95 for a casino and resort. Locklear, who was deeply involved in the Tribe's affairs for 40 years, said she knew nothing of the plans.

Tribal leaders say they aren't trying to be clandestine. Lowery has argued that a casino, accompanied by retail shops and restaurants, could transform rural southeastern North Carolina from a region struggling with high rates of poverty and crime into a tourist destination with good-paying jobs.

“This amendment does not take away the rights of tribal members,” Lowery, who represents Robe-

son County in the N.C. House, said in a video the tribe posted online in mid-May. “It gives tribal members the right to decide whether the tribe moves forward with gaming or not. If the amendment passes, the Lumbee Tribe will pursue gaming. If it does not pass, we will not.”

### The amendment

Lumbee leaders say the amendment is necessary because of what they consider an error in the constitution, which Tribal members adopted

more than 30 years ago.

Grady Hunt, a Pembroke attorney, said in a video posted to the Tribe's social media last month that Lowery asked him and other lawyers to “determine the proper pathway to gaming.” The writers of the constitution called for a referendum on gaming if and when the tribe became federally recognized and wanted to open a casino. But they mistakenly pointed to Article V of the document when outlining the basis for the referendum, he said. Article VI actually describes the process for such votes.

Unless Lumbees amend the constitution, any decision on gaming could be challenged in the tribal Supreme Court, according to Hunt. “This vote is too important not to get the process right,” he said.

The proposed amendment wouldn't fix what was likely a typo. Instead, it would allow the tribal government to bypass the referendum requirement. And it would grant the elected tribal chairperson the authority to negotiate gaming compacts with the state and nominate members to regulatory and enterprise boards, pending final approval by the 21-member tribal council.

Under the Lumbee constitution, a majority vote isn't enough to pass a referendum; at least 30% of the Tribe's eligible voters must participate. Locklear said she suspects the Tribe wants to make the changes partly to avoid that tough-to-meet threshold. Constitutional amendments require a simple majority vote with no participation limits.

A spokesperson for the Tribe did not respond to The Assembly's requests to interview Lowery.

The proposal has drawn strong reactions since the Tribal Council decided on April 16 to put it to a public vote. As

the vote nears, divisions are playing out through yard signs, bumper stickers and social media.

Many supporters say a casino would inject an unprecedented economic boost into Robeson, where about 41% of the county's 120,000 residents are Native American. Lowery has said the tribe would use casino-generated revenue to improve social programs,

including those for tribal elders and children.

Robeson County District Attorney Matt Scott and

his wife, Jessica Scott, who is also an attorney, have publicly supported the proposed constitutional amendment. They say a casino would allow the tribe to invest resources in reducing crime and drug overdoses.

Jessica Scott told the Tribal Council in April that she was dismayed by the online comments of people expressing their distrust of the tribal government. “Our constitution and this amendment is littered with checks and balances,” she said. “The Tribal Council can't do anything without the chairman, and the chairman can't do anything without the Tribal Council.”

“More importantly,” she continued, “the people are still voting on gaming. This has not been taken away from us.”

At the celebration in May, tribal member Tonya Hunt said she was comfortable with the tribal chairperson making big decisions on gaming. “If we voted him in,” Hunt said, “hopefully he would make the right decisions for the Tribe.”

Others were more skeptical. “I like the people to have a voice,” said tribal member Carla Locklear. “We can't ask for things and then not be a part of the discussion.”

### Land deal

Much of the public debate about federal recognition for the Lumbees centered on identity. Members descend from several eastern North Carolina tribes that fled newly arriving Europeans and settled along the Lumber River in Robeson County in the 17th century. There, they mingled with white and Black residents.

Opponents of Lumbee recognition argued the Tribe's complicated history should require a thorough review by the

Bureau of Indian Affairs. North Carolina recognized the tribe in 1885, and Congress acknowledged the group in 1956 but denied it access to the benefits available to federally recognized tribes.

The U.S. House passed legislation several times over the years to fully recognize the Lumbee Tribe. But bills continually stalled in the Senate as the Eastern Band of

Cherokee Indians and other tribes lobbied lawmakers to reject the designation, creating a political firestorm

that forced Lumbees to prove they were Indian enough.

Republican Sen. Thom Tillis of North Carolina said he worked hard to convince some of his colleagues to fully recognize the Lumbee. During last month's celebration, he presented Lowery with a photo collage featuring tribal members in Washington, D.C.

“Kids, hold your ears,” Tillis said, pointing to one of the group photos. “That was right before we were about to open a can of whoop-(expletive) on people that were trying to slow us down.”

Permission to operate casinos lurked below the layers of opposition. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the only other federally recognized tribe in North Carolina, operates two casinos in the western part of the state. The Catawba Nation, a federally recognized tribe in South Carolina that has publicly supported the Lumbees, also has a casino in western North Carolina and plans to open another.

The Lumbee Tribe's for-profit entity, Lumbee Holdings, paid \$6.8 million for 241 acres of land in southern Robeson County days before the Lumbee Fairness Act became law in December. The group bought the land from Western Agricultural Holdings, which reportedly purchased it days earlier for less than half that amount, \$3.2 million.

Western Agricultural Holdings is registered as a business in Wyoming but is based in Raleigh, according to records filed with the Wyoming Secretary of State's office.

Channing Jones, chief executive officer for Lumbee Holdings, told The Assembly and Border Belt Independent in April that he could not discuss details of the land deal, saying he had signed a nondisclosure agreement.

Lumbee leaders have expressed interest in casinos before. In 2023, the Republican-led state legislature proposed four rural casinos, including one operated by the Lumbee Tribe. But the effort failed amid pushback from stakeholders in other parts of the state.

Virginia lawmakers have been expanding gaming for years. The Eastern Band of Cherokee

Indians has a stake in a \$750 million casino that opened in 2024 in Danville near the North Carolina border.

The Pamunkey Indian Tribe, which gained federal recognition in 2015, plans to open a casino and resort in Norfolk.

South Carolina is also eyeing the gaming business. A state House committee is considering legislation that would allow for a casino along the I-95 corridor, although the proposal has faced opposition, including from critics who say gambling is immoral.

Lowery told the Tribal Council in April that he doesn't want the Lumbee Tribe to miss out on gaming. “We can sit here, and we can wait, pass the buck,” Lowery said.

Or, he said, the tribe can act now.

### Self-governance

Arlinda Locklear, who helped write the Lumbee constitution in 1993, said the document's framers knew the Tribe might want to open a casino someday. They wanted to ensure that tribal members would ultimately make that decision.

Back then, Locklear said, there was a sense of urgency to create a constitution that would establish a formal tribal government with legislative, executive and judicial branches. The U.S. House had voted two years earlier to recognize the Lumbee, and although the measure stalled in the Senate, the Tribe wanted to show it had a governing body prepared to handle an influx of federal money.

A Constitutional Assembly made up of several delegates, including representatives from local churches, met monthly for a year and a half, Locklear said. The group gathered input from tribal members and worked through several drafts. In 1994, 8,010 Lumbees voted to adopt the constitution. Only 223 voted no.

“It was a movement like I have not seen in our

community,” Locklear said. “People seemed to feel excited about the prospect of actually governing their own affairs and were very serious about forming a government that would reflect our traditions of leadership and the issues that are important to us.”

Legal snarls, however, delayed the formation of a new tribal government.

The Constitutional Assembly had tried to break ties with the Lumbee Regional Development Association, which had overseen the Tribe's recognition efforts for years.

The LRDA and a newly formed group under the constitution both argued they were the Tribe's rightful governing body.

N.C. Superior Court Judge Howard Manning ruled in 1999 that neither was correct and that the Tribe was without a government, according to court documents archived by Appalachian State University. The Lumbee people, Manning said in his order, have “the power and right to select the type and form of government they wish.”

So tribal members went to the polls again in 2001 and adopted a constitution that largely mirrored the original, according to Locklear.

Today, the tribal government oversees an annual budget of more than \$30 million — an amount that will increase substantially when it begins receiving federal benefits in a few years. Lowery said the Tribe will likely get between \$70 million and \$80 million a year from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Service, and other sources are also available. Revenues from a casino could outpace federal funds, according to Lowery.

“Imagine what you can do,” he told the Tribal Council, “with a \$540 million budget.”

But Locklear said the proposed constitutional amendment strips the Lumbee people's “fundamental right of self-governance.”

“I see our constitution as our sacred tribal government document,” she said. “I am just fundamentally opposed to transforming that document into basically a commercial transaction document.”

Sarah Nagem is editor of the Border Belt Independent. She previously worked for The News & Observer and currently attends graduate school at Duke University.

## County

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sends up to 6 million gallons of water per day into the county water system. It draws water from four public wells, all within 4,500 feet of the landfill, and SELC says leachate from the landfill contains PFAS chemicals and is contaminating the water supply.

SELC says the facility has the highest PFAS readings of any water treatment facility in North Carolina, and the highest levels of GenX, one type of PFAS chemical, of any facility in the country.

Additionally, testing performed on tap water within two miles of the plant shows, in every sample, levels of PFOA and GenX far above the levels deemed safe by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In one example, levels of PFOA, one type of PFAS

chemical, was at least 3,250 times higher than recommended levels.

“The county's contamination of its own residents' drinking water with toxic PFAS needs to stop,” said Jamie Whitlock, senior attorney at the Southern Environmental Law Center. “The county's decision not to address this problem — which they have known about for years — risks residents' health and safety and leaves us no choice but to take it to court. People in Robeson County deserve to have safe, clean water when they turn on their taps.”

SELC sent the county a letter of intent to sue on Jan. 14, citing alleged violations of both the Clean Water Act and RCRA. The lawsuit filed Tuesday focuses solely on RCRA claims, but SELC has not ruled out future Clean Water Act claims as well, regarding contamination within nearby Big Marsh

Swamp, which flows downstream into Big Swamp and eventually the Lumber River.

“The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act deals with solid waste and prohibits facilities like the landfill from creating what's called an imminent and substantial endangerment to health or the environment,” Zoe Metha, an associate attorney with SELC, told The Robesonian. “That law, which our lawsuit focuses on, is dealing with the danger from the drinking water pollution.”

The goal of the lawsuit, Metha said, is for the county to “take responsibility for the drinking water pollution that its landfill has caused.” This could include solutions such as taking the Rocco water plant offline, rerouting service to the county's other 11 water treatment facilities; installing PFAS-removal technology such as granular-activated

carbon at the Rocco plant; and, more immediately, providing alternative water sources to affected residents.

The county will have 21 days to file a response once it receives the lawsuit; it had not yet been served as of Friday afternoon, County Attorney Robert Davis told The Robesonian. Since he hasn't yet seen it, Davis would not comment on the lawsuit.

SELC hopes that the county will respond quickly, Metha said, so that the problems can be solved sooner rather than later.

“I think (the next steps are) up to the county. We're hopeful that we'll be able to come to a solution as soon as possible,” Metha said. “We'd really like to avoid years of litigation, because this is a pretty simple problem and has a pretty simple solution.”

A day before the suit was filed, County Manager Kellie Blue did

give an update on the situation in Monday's Robeson County Board of Commissioners meeting, saying the county is continuing to perform testing in the area of the landfill in an effort to evaluate the situation and determine solutions.

“At this time the county is actively working with state and federal environmental and public health agencies,” Blue said. “We're also working with our division engineers that do testing up at the landfill, in that area, to evaluate any potential risk, and make sure that we're doing appropriate testing, as far as state guidance. We'll keep you informed of those practices as we go along the way.”

The N.C. Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) previously determined that PFAS is present in Robeson County's water supply and that some type of mitigation needs to be done. As part of that

process, the county is required to have a plan put in place by the end of 2026 and implemented by 2029. Thus, the county says it's currently not yet out of compliance with any DEQ permitting.

“That does not mean there's not something in the water that needs to be addressed, in the soil, in the water, the wells,” Davis said in January. “That's why we're doing that independent sampling, to get that data to determine what's there and what can we do, even if it's above and beyond being in compliance with DEQ, what we need to do to mitigate that.”

The Board of Commissioners tabled a motion to expand the landfill twice in 2025 to gather more information on the effects of the landfill on drinking water in the area. The landfill's current footprint is 537 acres.

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# Thomas earns regional Entrepreneur of the Year award

Staff report

PEMBROKE — Pembroke native Aaron Thomas has been recognized by Ernst & Young (EY) as one of its winners for the Entrepreneur of the Year Southeast Award.

Thomas is the founder and owner of Metcon, Inc. in Pembroke.

Thomas grew up working in a family construction business, then struck out on his own to found Metcon in 1999. Under Thomas' leadership, the company has experienced steady growth and is North Carolina's largest

minority-owned construction management firm.

Thomas is one of 12 to be recognized with the regional award, including five from North Carolina.

The award honors visionary leaders of high-growth companies driving innovation, growth and prosperity for future generations. The Southeast program celebrates entrepreneurs from Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Regional winners were selected by an independent panel of past winners, top CEOs and business leaders. Judges eval-

uated candidates on long-term value creation, entrepreneurial spirit, purpose-driven commitment, and significant growth and impact.

"The Entrepreneur Of The Year 2026 Southeast Award winners are reshaping their industries and redefining what it means to lead as entrepreneurs," said Chevy Arnold, Southeast Program Director.

"Through their vision, focus and commitment to growth, they are building companies that move markets forward, create



Thomas

opportunities for their teams and strengthen the communities around them," added Kimberly Kicklighter, Southeast Program Director.

The Entrepreneur Of The Year program honors many different types of business leaders for their ingenuity, courage and entrepreneurial spirit. It celebrates original founders who bootstrapped their business from inception or who raised outside capital to grow their company, transformational CEOs who

infused innovation into an existing organization to catapult its trajectory and multigenerational family business leaders who reimagined a legacy business model to strengthen it for the future.

These regional award winners will now move on to be considered for the Entrepreneur Of The Year National Awards, set to be presented in November at the annual Strategic Growth Forum, one of the nation's most prestigious gatherings of high-growth, market-leading companies. The National Overall Award winner will move on to

compete for the EY World Entrepreneur Of The Year Award in May 2027.

Entrepreneur Of The Year Award winners become lifetime members of a global, multi-industry community of entrepreneurs. They receive exclusive, ongoing access to the experience, insight and wisdom of program alumni and other ecosystem members in more than 60 countries — all supported by vast EY resources.

Learn more about the winners at [ey.com/en\\_us/entrepreneur-of-the-year-us/regional-programs](http://ey.com/en_us/entrepreneur-of-the-year-us/regional-programs).

# Lumbee Film Festival returns July 4 with powerful films celebrating Indigenous culture

Staff report

PEMBROKE — The Lumbee Film Festival returns for its eighth annual celebration of Indigenous storytelling on Saturday, July 4, at Moore Hall on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Presented by the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina and the Cucalorus Film Foundation, the festival showcases bold, original films created by Native American, Indigenous, and American Indian filmmakers from across the United States, with a special emphasis on Lumbee storytellers

and artists.

"The Lumbee Film Festival continues to be a platform for Native filmmakers to share stories that reflect the diversity and resilience of Indigenous communities," said Cheyenne Oxendine. "We are excited to bring these films to audiences in Pembroke and celebrate the voices of Native storytellers from across the country."

The festival begins at noon with the documentary feature "Medicine Ball," which follows Native college athletes Lexus and Leroy as they uncover their university's hidden history as

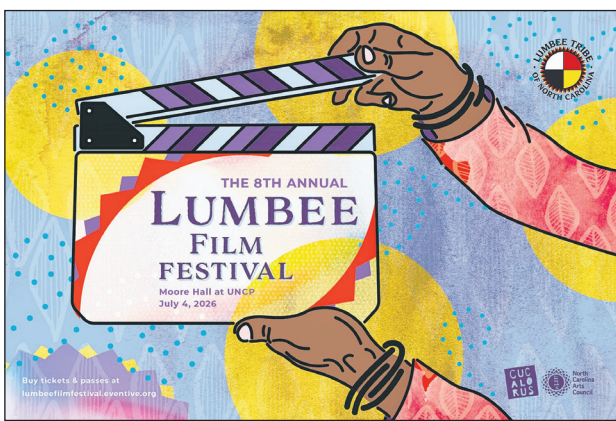


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a former Indian boarding school. Through their journey, the film reveals how basketball has become more than a sport, serving as a symbol of hope and cultural pride

within Native communities.

At 1:45 p.m., audiences can experience the "Journey to Belonging Shorts Block," a collection of films exploring

family, culture, and community through a variety of genres. The shorts block includes stories of urban Indigenous women finding healing through traditional ribbon skirts, an animated Blackfoot adventure about belonging and cultural discovery, a comical cultural clash between frybread and roti, and a poetic documentary examining reproductive healthcare access on Indigenous reservations in North Carolina.

The festival concludes at 3:15 p.m. with "The Long Walk: A Dance with Humanities," a documentary that follows six run-

ner-messengers as they travel 330 miles to commemorate the survivors of the Navajo Long Walk and honor the perseverance and endurance of the Diné people. The film features Lumbee Tribe member Dave Dial.

Festival passes are \$20, and tickets for individual screenings are \$10.

The Lumbee Film Festival is a partnership between the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina and the Cucalorus Film Foundation. For tickets and additional information, visit [lumbeefilmfestival.eventive.org](http://lumbeefilmfestival.eventive.org).



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"I chose to become a surgeon to develop the knowledge and skills needed to directly improve the lives of people in my community," said Dr. Dalvin. "For me, the most important principle of being a physician is helping patients optimize their quality of life and supporting them in becoming the best version of themselves in their own eyes. I find my areas of special interest especially meaningful because of the profound impact they can have on a patient's long-term health, confidence, and overall well-being."

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and many more.

"Dr. Harrison is an outstanding educational leader," said Williamson. "He knows the work, has been following the progress taking place in the Public Schools of Robeson County, and brings the experience and leadership needed to serve the district well during this transition."

Tuesday's meeting also included discussion on the hiring process

for a permanent new superintendent. Richard Schwartz, attorney for PSRC, gave the board some tips on how to search for the right hire. "Confidentiality is key," said Schwartz in Tuesday night's meeting. He recommended that the board seek the assistance of a consultant to help make the selection process smoother.

The process that Schwartz outlined for the board included approving an official application, figuring out how to announce the vacancy, whether the candidate

will need a doctorate or not and whether compensation would be advertised or discussed based on candidate qualifications.

Schwartz told the school board that they must maintain an appearance of unity and professionalism during this process.

During the discussion, Schwartz and the board discussed a goal of having the new superintendent hired by around the end of 2026, though that is a flexible timeline.

Michele Chavis is an intern for The Robesonian.

## Issues

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was because she learned that the town manager was going to the board to request her removal, and the people of Red Springs deserve accountability."

Chief Hurr suspects the podcast was ended in retaliation for her refusal to give Harris access to police body camera footage, which a judge must first approve in North Carolina.

Harris didn't attend the meeting but ended the chief's podcast on June 4 citing transparency concerns, saying it didn't comply with the town's "communication protocol." No other explanation was offered. On June 12, eight days after the podcast's shutdown, Hurr submitted her immediate resignation.

On July 10, Harris sent the Red Springs Rescue Squad a notice to vacate the town-owned building on Fourth Avenue, which has served as its base of operations since 2021.

According to the Red Springs Rescue Squad's webpage, multiple attempts were made



Michele Chavis | The Robesonian

**Residents listen during Monday's meeting of Citizens for a Better Red Springs.**

to collaborate with the town's leadership. These attempts included making changes to the organization's leadership, participating in town meetings and discussing potential partnership solutions. Instead of an attempt to negotiate with the Rescue Department, Harris sent a notice to surrender possession of the property no later than July 1 at 5 p.m.

"The town would have to increase taxes in order to provide its own EMS services," said Harris.

Red Springs residents raised concerns about Harris's proposal to outsource its sanitation services. Harris said the Sanitation Department is operating at a loss,

but if the services were outsourced, no positions would be eliminated. The Sanitation Department currently includes three employees, who Harris said will be sent to other departments within the town.

The town's Board of Commissioners rejected the same proposal that Harris made in 2025, citing concerns about higher fees for residents and potential changes to existing services.

Citizens are concerned that sanitation employees will lose their jobs altogether if this proposal passes this time.

Michele Chavis is an intern for The Robesonian.

# LUMBEEES UNITED FOR ACCOUNTABILITY

## Led by Dr. Jo Ann Chavis Lowery and Ms. Arlinda Locklear

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**1. This amendment removes your FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT to vote on gaming and concentrates power.**

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**2. Voting No doesn't mean NO gaming - it forces a referendum or a better amendment.**

We NEED independent oversight, transparent revenue reporting, and a real balance of power.

Let's include tribal members' input on what a better amendment looks like. That is the Lumbee way.

**3. No answers on the \$6.8 million land flip or the NDAs. We want answers.**

Tribal leaders paid \$6.8 for land bought for \$3.2M just days earlier - then signed an NDA so they cannot answer questions about it.

Who made the \$3.6 profit of our money/ We won't stop asking.

If they won't answer these questions, how can we trust them with a billion dollar gaming business?

### WHAT THE 4 AMENDMENTS ACTUALLY DO:

**Amendment 1:**

Expands tribe's territory to land aquired or placed in trust anywhere. Contradicts the recognition bill and creates confusion.

**Amendment 3:**

Authorizes Chairman ALONE to negotiate gaming compact with state and nominate all gaming commission members.

**Amendment 2:**

Without telling you on the ballot, DELETES tribal members' power to approve ordinances affecting fundamental rights. Retains only power to approve a tax.

**Amendment 4:**

Authorizes tribal council to approve Chairman's compact and confirm his gaming commission nominations.

**VOTE DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026 POLLS OPEN 6:30 AM - CLOSE 7:30 PM**

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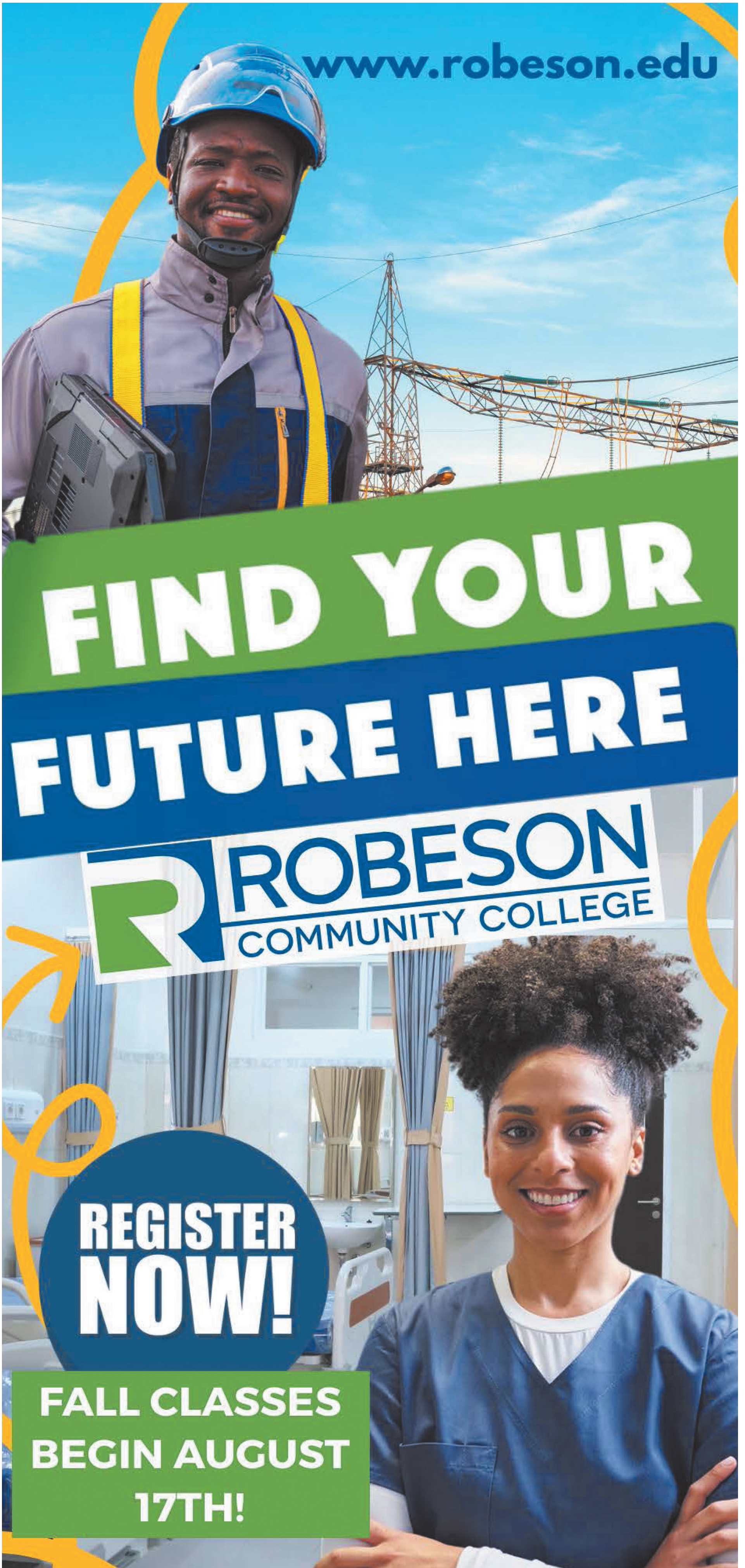
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## St. Pauls' McKoy commits to Georgia



**Jacob Husson**  
The Robesonian

ST. PAULS — Antwan McKoy, a rising senior defensive tackle on the St. Pauls football team, has committed to play college football at the University of Georgia, he announced in a social media post on Tuesday.

Georgia has a history of winning at the highest level but that's not the only reason McKoy chose to go there.

McKoy loved the people at Georgia when he visited.

"The culture and the people there (made this the right choice)," McKoy said.

Georgia was one of many schools that gave him offers, largely across the power-conference

level; this included all four ACC schools in North Carolina and four programs in the SEC, including Georgia.

"I had offers from 15 or so schools to play for them," McKoy said.

McKoy joins a program that has been a consistent national championship contender in the Kirby Smart era, with two titles and three national championship appearances in the coach's tenure. Smart visited the St. Pauls campus on Jan. 28 while recruiting McKoy.

In 26 games played through three years at St. Pauls, he has tallied 19 sacks, including 10 during his sophomore season. He also has 115 tackles and 38 tackles for loss in his high school career.

"(McKoy's) a humble young man who tries to get better every day," St. Pauls head coach Mike Setzer said.

With his senior season at St. Pauls still to come, he's already left an impressive legacy with their program.

Setzer was sure to credit McKoy for his leadership abilities on the field.

"He's a humble young man who tries to get better every day," Setzer said.

While Setzer acknowledged the significance of such a commitment to Robeson County, he also noted that St. Pauls doesn't compare itself to the other schools in the county.

St. Pauls considers itself to be one of the leaders in high school

football in North Carolina.

"We're trying to be one of the biggest names in the state," Setzer said. "We don't want to be known as a small school. We're ambassadors for football in our county."

McKoy doesn't take representing Robeson County lightly, especially being one of its few athletes who wound up at major D-I schools. He made it clear he wants to represent the area in a positive way.

"It feels great and I just want to represent Robeson County the right way," he said.

McKoy's commitment to Georgia is another step toward statewide dominance for St. Pauls.

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## High schools to hold youth sports camps

**Jacob Husson**  
The Robesonian

ROBESON COUNTY — Just because it's summertime doesn't mean sports completely stop at Robeson County high schools. There are various camps being held this summer for different sports to help young athletes learn the various sports.

### Fairmont

Fairmont will have a girls basketball camp for fourth- to eighth-graders from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 24. They will focus on agility training, defense and ball handling. It is \$25 per camper.

For more information, contact Marcus Thompson at 919-757-9192.

### Lumberton

Lumberton will have a tennis camp from Aug. 3-5 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for ages 5-12. Registration costs \$20 and participants will receive a camp T-shirt. Snacks and refreshments will be provided throughout. Senior Ian Hall will lead the camp.

Reach out to Hall with questions at [ian.hall@gmail.com](mailto:ian.hall@gmail.com).

There will also be a youth volleyball camp at Lumberton for grades 5-8 from July 14-16. It is \$75 per person. Check-in is at 8 a.m. with an 8:30 start time. Pick-up will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Register at drop-off.

### Purnell Swett

Purnell Swett began high school soccer workouts this week, with middle schoolers also invited to attend. Workout days are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. It's open to any middle schooler who will attend Purnell Swett or current Purnell Swett students.

Reach out to coach Kevin Locklear at 910-733-6029 or coach Courtney Locklear at 910-733-5724 if you have questions.

### Red Springs

Red Springs will host multiple girls basketball camps, starting with June 15-18 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. They'll have a middle school girls basketball camp on June 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, contact Adam Deese at 910-217-2326 or by email at [adam.deese@robeson.k12.nc.us](mailto:adam.deese@robeson.k12.nc.us).

There will be a boys basketball camp at Red Springs June 18th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Head coach Glenn Patterson Jr. can be reached at 910-853-8646 or by email at

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## DYB 6U state tourney underway



Photos by Jacob Husson | The Robesonian

The Diamond Youth Baseball 6U Coach Pitch State Tournament is underway at the Dr. Raymond B. Pennington Athletic Complex in Lumberton. The tournament runs through Tuesday. Pictured, West Robeson Blue's Hunter Jones (7) bats against Lumberton during Friday's game.



West Robeson Blue's Wes Lowery (2) runs to first base during Friday's DYB 6U Coach Pitch State Tournament game against Lumberton in Lumberton.



A Lumberton batter awaits a pitch during Friday's DYB 6U Coach Pitch State Tournament game against West Robeson Blue in Lumberton.



West Robeson Blue's River Bullard (22) runs to first base during Friday's DYB 6U Coach Pitch State Tournament game against Lumberton in Lumberton.



West Robeson Blue's Hunter Jones (7) runs to first base during Friday's DYB 6U Coach Pitch State Tournament game against Lumberton in Lumberton.

## McKoy

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As they continue to push for deep playoff runs and players continue pursuing offers from major schools, they'll continue building a football legacy.

Jacob Husson can be reached at 910-816-1977 or by email at jhusson@robsonian.com.

## Camps

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glenn.patterson2@robsonian.k12.nc.us.

New boys soccer coach Ben Vargas will lead a camp from June 22-26 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Vargas can be reached at 910-644-3602 and you can also reach Vargas through Adam Deese.

June 22 and 24 will be when Adam Deese runs the girls' golf camp from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. They'll work on putting from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., chipping from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and play from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Deese can be reached at 910-217-2326 or at adam.deese@robsonian.k12.nc.us.

Donnie Carter will be having volleyball and softball camps June 18, 23 and 25. He can be reached at donnie.carter@robsonian.k12.nc.us or at 910-280-4750.

Finally, football camp will be hosted by coach Tim Ray from June 22-26 with practice scheduled for 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. He can be reached at 910-774-0072 or by email at timothy.ray@robsonian.k12.nc.us.

Attendance for all Red Springs camps is free.

Jacob Husson can be reached at 910-816-1977 or by email at jhusson@robsonian.com.

## UNCP's Donathan named to ABCA Southeast Region All-Defensive Team

Staff report

PEMBROKE — Ashton Donathan continued the postseason recognition for the UNC Pembroke baseball team on Thursday as the junior catcher was named to the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) Southeast Region All-Defensive Team.

Donathan becomes just the sixth Brave in program history to earn the honor, and the first since Jordan Edgerton and Ben Schmucker both brought home the award in 2013.

A native of Sanford, Donathan played in 47 games with 46 starts behind the plate for the Black & Gold and turned in a .985 fielding percentage after making just six errors in 401 total chances. Donathan also threw out 27 potential base stealers while logging just two passed balls.



Donathan

## Braves' Williams, Zambrano Canuto grab CSC Academic All-District nods

Staff report

PEMBROKE — Hard work in both competition and the classroom paid off for two UNC Pembroke student-athletes who were selected to the College Sports Communicators (CSC) Academic All-District At-Large Team, the organization announced.

Wrestling's Nick Williams and Jose Zambrano Canuto each secured a spot on the distinguished squad for the first time in their careers.

Williams carries a 3.72 cumulative GPA as a Geo-Environmental Studies major, while Zambrano Canuto graduated with a 3.668 GPA and a degree in Criminal Justice. The pair becomes just the fifth and sixth wrestlers in program history to earn the honor.

To be nominated, student-athletes must be in the lineup for at least 75% of team scoring events (open tournaments, duals) or compete in their weight class at a conference championship meet, while posting at least a 3.50 cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 scale) at their current institution.



Williams

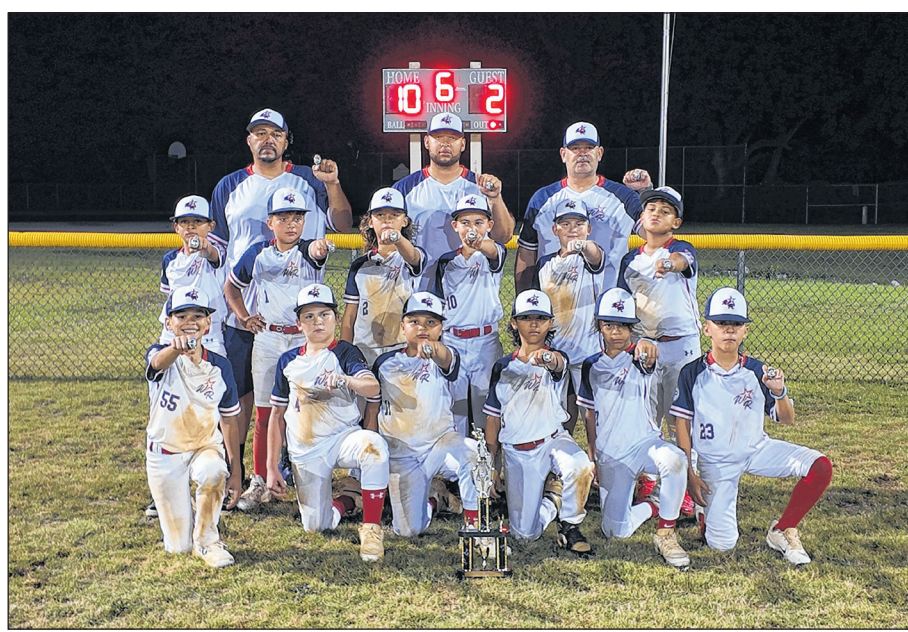


Zambrano Canuto

## West Robeson DYB teams win district titles



The 8-and-under West Robeson Blue team won the DYB District 9 AA Coach Pitch tournament held June 6-10 in Elizabethtown. The team won 22-0 against Lumberton Gold, 13-3 against Fairmont, 11-4 against Lumberton Maroon, 16-1 against West Robeson White and beat Fairmont 14-2 in the championship. The state tournament will be played June 26 through July 2 in Leled. Pictured, in the front row from left, are Jameson Lowery, Braeson Britt, Josh Locklear, Devin Jones, Liam Locklear and Maverick Demery. In the middle row, from left, are Matthew Locklear, Ryder Locklear, Brylon Locklear, Karter Taylor, Kayden Ferguson and Conley Locklear. In the back row, from left, are James Demery, Zach Demery, Darius Taylor and Braydon Scott.



Contributed photos

The 10-and-under West Robeson Blue team won the DYB Minors district tournament. The team won 16-1 against Elizabethtown, lost 7-4 to Lumberton, won 9-4 against Elizabethtown, won 16-4 against Lumberton and won 10-2 over Lumberton in the championship game. The state tournament will be held July 4-9 in Tabor City. Pictured, in the front row from left, are Taylon Hunt, Jace Bullard, Jude Jacobs, Braxon Locklear, Declyn Locklear and Jace Locklear. In the middle row, from left, are Caniyah Bullard, Hunter Clark, Nixan Jacobs, Brendan O'Briant, Jaxon Bullard and Asher Freeman. In the top row, from left, are coaches Lathan Bullard, Caleb Jacobs and Eric Freeman.

## Dybantsa, Boozer, Wilson among Draft's best forwards

Aaron Beard

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — AJ Dybantsa's tantalizing skill has long made him the favorite to be the No. 1 overall pick in the NBA draft.

The BYU standout met all expectations in becoming a first-team Associated Press All-American. He's the headliner among a forward group that features fellow freshmen Cameron Boozer of Duke and North Carolina's Caleb Wilson. That trio, along with Kansas guard Darryn Peterson, form the top tier of overall prospects.

Here's a look at top forwards entering first round of the draft Tuesday night:

### A.J. Dybantsa, BYU

STRENGTHS: Dybantsa averaged a national-best 25.5 points with his ability to create his own shot and get to the foul line. He also averaged 6.8 rebounds and 3.7 assists and shot 51%, packaged in a sturdy 6-foot-9, 217-pound frame.

He scored a BYU freshman-record 43 points against Utah and broke Kevin Durant's freshman Big 12 Tournament record with 40 points against Kansas State. He also led the country in free throws (229) and attempts (296), getting to the line at least 10 times in 15 games.

Synergy rated him as "Excellent" as the ball handler in pick-and-roll scenarios (87th percentile, 27% of total possessions) and post-ups (94th, 10.9%). He also popped against top-10 foes by averaging 26.9 points in seven games, including 35 points in a loss to Final Four-bound Arizona and a near triple-double (29 points, 10 rebounds, nine assists) in an upset of sixth-ranked Iowa State.

CONCERNS: His 3-point shot needs refinement. He hit 33.1%, including a final-month slide of 18 for 66 (27.3%) in 12 games. He also must cut down mistakes after averaging 3.1 turnovers.

### Cameron Boozer, Duke

STRENGTHS: The 6-8, 253-pound

son of former Duke and NBA player Carlos Boozer was a steady interior presence and the fifth freshman named AP men's national player of the year.

He averaged 22.5 points and 10.2 rebounds, routinely finishing through contact (55.6% field goals, 78.9% free throws) that sometimes left him scratched and wounded. He shot 39.1% on 3s, with Synergy rating him as "Excellent" against man defense (94th percentile), on post-ups (86th) and spot-up shots (95th).

He's a strong passer (4.1 assists) out of double teams and could initiate Duke's offense up top, notably assisting on Isaiah Evans' late 3-pointer to beat Florida.

CONCERNS: Boozer isn't an explosive athlete, relying more on strength and positioning than playing above the rim.

His struggles against Virginia elite rim protector Ugonna Onyenso in the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament title game (season-low 13 points, 3-for-17 shooting, four shots blocked) illustrated challenges that could await when he has to finish over bigger and longer defenders. The athleticism question could also show in handling defensive switches onto quicker players.

### Caleb Wilson, UNC

STRENGTHS: He has explosive athleticism, a go-go-go motor, a 7-foot wingspan and a spotlight-embracing personality. The 6-foot-9, 211-pound freshman averaged 19.8 points and 9.4 rebounds while thriving at the rim and in transition, becoming a second-team AP All-American.

Notably, Wilson stood out against Kansas with 24 points, seven rebounds, four assists and four steals while showing a soft touch on multiple fading turnaround. He also stepped up against rival Duke and fellow top pro prospect Cameron Boozer, scoring 17 of his 23 points before halftime to keep the Tar Heels close before they won on Seth Trimble's last-second 3-pointer.

## FROM THE FRINGE

Staff report

### Danny Graham Scholarship Golf Tournament set for Sept. 18

The inaugural Danny Graham Scholarship Golf Tournament will be played on Friday, Sept. 18 at Pinecrest Country Club in Lumberton. Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

It is a four-person scramble. Registration is \$75 per player or \$300 per team. Fees include cart/green fee, range balls, one mulligan, one red tee and a day of fun. Additional mulligans and red tees are available to purchase. Hole sponsorships are also available for \$100.

Prizes include a putt-off contest, 50/50 raffle, closest to the pin and long drive.

Proceeds will benefit the Danny Graham Endowment Scholarship at UNC Pembroke.

For more information or to register, contact Scott Graham at 910-827-1752 or ksgraham83@gmail.com.

### Pinecrest Country Club news

Tommy Lowry and Johnny Hunt were the championship-flight winners in this week's Senior Shootout at Pinecrest with a 64, winning by five strokes over runners-up Greg

Gregson and Ricky Lowry. First-flight winners were Bucky Beasley and Bob Antone with a 73, winning a scorecard playoff over runners-up Pandora Carter and Al Wall.

Closest to the flag winners were Michael Graham, John Holder and Bob Antone.

The next Senior Shootout will be played Thursday with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. The event includes a hot dog lunch and more. Call the pro shop for more info at 910-738-6541.

Things to do while playing golf that will ensure everyone has a good time: repair ball marks, repair divots, rake sand traps, let faster players thru, get a tee time and be on time.

Food for thought: Getting a tee time will ensure you a place on the course.

A choose-up is played each Monday, Wednesday and Friday with a 1 p.m. tee time.

### Fairmont Golf Club news

Timmy Grimsley and Lonail Locklear were the winners in this week's Senior Shootout winning in a playoff against Lance Harding and LeMark Harris. Randy Bullard and Howard Clark were the winners of the second flight followed by Bucky Beasley and Bob Antone. The

third flight was won by Warren Bowen and Alton Hagans with Rick Rogers and Tim Moore coming in second place. The fourth flight was won by William Cox and Chris Taylor with Jimmy Dyson and D.J. Jones coming in second place. Jimmy Waddell, Alton Haggins, Tommy Belch and William Cox were closest to the pin winners.

The next Senior Shootout will be played Tuesday morning with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

Jeff Tedder, Rory McKeithan, Tommy Davis and Donald Arnette were the winners in this week's Thursday Evening Scramble with a three-shot victory over Carey Pittman, Todd Mickelson, Brody Broadway and Corey Callahan. Carey Pittman and Donald Arnette were closest to the pin winners.

The next Thursday Evening Scramble will be played on Thursday, July 16 with a 6 p.m. shotgun start.

Top rounds posted this week include: Tommy Davis with a 70, Bert Thomas 71, Robert Lawson 71, Mitch Grier 71, Tracey Hunt 71, Gary Wallshock 72, Danny Glasscock 72, Bob Antone 73, Randy Williamson 73, James Thompson 74, Tom Lee 75, Robert Clyburn 78 and Chris Barfield 78.

Send all golf news to Chris Stiles at cstiles@robsonian.com.

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## LEGALS

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS OF Mildred Delores Applewhite DECEASED Clerk's File 25E001715-770 The undersigned having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Mildred Delores Applewhite, Deceased, late of Robeson County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate to present them to the attorney listed below on or before September 2, 2026, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment to the Estate at the office of the attorney listed below. May 30, 2026. Tyreh Brown Executor of the Estate of Mildred Delores Applewhite SABRINA LESHORE CUMMINGS ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE P.O. Box 13 LUMBERTON, NC 28359 910-416-2820

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### TOWN OF ST. PAULS NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The proposed fiscal year budget 2026-2027 for the Town of St. Pauls has been presented to the Town Board and is available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk in St. Pauls Town Hall from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on weekdays. The Town Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget on **Monday, June 29, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the St. Pauls Conference Room at 210 W. Blue Street.** The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments on the proposed budget. Persons wishing to be heard may make written or oral comments.

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## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF

RUDY DEAN PAUL, DECEASED

FILE NO. 26 E 298

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Rudy Dean Paul, deceased, late of Robeson County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before June 13, 2026, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

Emily Jo Oxendine, Executor

Estate of Rudy Dean Paul

46 Sunrise Dr.

Pembroke, NC 28372

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF MARVIN ORLANDO DICE, JR. DECEASED File Number 24E000451-770

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator, of the estate of Marvin Orlando Dice, Jr., deceased, late of Robeson County, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 9th day of September, 2026, or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 6th day of June, 2026.

Lisa Cooper Dice  
C/O Buzzard Law Firm, PO Box 700  
Lillington, NC 27546

Attorney  
Robert A. "Tony" Buzzard  
PO Box 700  
Lillington, NC 27546  
910-893-2900

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS OF Herbert Kenneth Locklear DECEASED Clerk's File 26E000523-770 The undersigned having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Herbert Kenneth Locklear, Deceased, late of Robeson County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate to present them to the attorney listed below on or before September 2, 2026, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment to the Estate at the office of the attorney listed below. May 30, 2026. Demetrica Canady Locklear Administrator of the Estate of Herbert Kenneth Locklear SABRINA LESHORE CUMMINGS ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE P.O. Box 13 LUMBERTON, NC 28359 910-416-2820

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## LEGALS

NORTH CAROLINA ROBESON COUNTY

TOWN OF PEMBROKE NOTICE OF MEETING DATE CHANGE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Town Council for the Town of Pembroke will hold their regularly scheduled July monthly meeting on Monday, June 22nd, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located in the Town of Pembroke Municipal Building, 98 Union Chapel Road, Pembroke, North Carolina.

NOTICE is further given that on the same date as referenced above at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as practical, a Public Hearing will be held wherein public comment concerning the proposed 2026-2027 fiscal year budget for the Town of Pembroke will be received. This budget has been submitted to the Town Council and is available for public inspection online at [www.pembrokekenc.com](http://www.pembrokekenc.com), at Town Hall, and in the office of the Town Clerk Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

All interested persons will be given the opportunity to speak at the Public Hearing. Persons wishing to make written comments in advance of the hearing may direct them to the Town Clerk, Amira Hunt, P.O. Box 866, Pembroke, N.C. 28372.

Amira Hunt, Clerk for the Town of Pembroke  
P.O. Box 866  
Pembroke, N.C. 28372  
Office no. 910-521-9758

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF GLENDA JOYCE GILCHRIST DECEASED FILE NUMBER: 26 E 000042

The undersigned having qualified as Administrators, of the Estate of GLENDA JOYCE GILCHRIST, deceased, late of ROBESON COUNTY, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of SEPTEMBER 2026 or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 20th day of JUNE 2026

KIMBERLY GILCHRIST  
5224 TILDEN AVE  
BROOKLYN NY 11203

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF JAMES WILMER JONES DECEASED FILE NUMBER: 25 E 001298-770

The undersigned having qualified as Administrators, of the estate of JAMES WILMER JONES, deceased, late of ROBESON COUNTY, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of SEPTEMBER 2026 or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 13th day of JUNE 2026.

PATSY JONES MCLEOD  
119 CLARKS DR  
MAXTON NC 28364

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Notice to Creditors

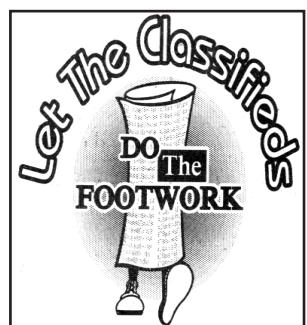
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of James Conrad Little, Jr., late of 4900 Independence Drive, Apartment 29, Lumberton, Robeson County, North Carolina 28358, the undersigned does hereby notify all person, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at P.O. Box 301, Hickory, North Carolina 28603, on or before 4th day of September, 2026, or this notice will be pleaded in the bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payments to the undersigned.

This 30th day of May 2026.

Sally Diane Bell,  
Executor of the Estate of James Conrad Little, Jr. Deceased  
File 26E000264-770

Donald R. Fuller, Jr., PLLC  
P.O. BOX 301  
Hickory, NC 28603  
(828) 578-6400

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF JASON RANDALL JOHNSON DECEASED FILE NUMBER: 26 E 000529-770

The undersigned having qualified as Administrators, of the estate of JASON RANDALL JOHNSON, deceased, late of ROBESON COUNTY, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of SEPTEMBER 2026 or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 13th day of JUNE 2026.

SAMUEL LEWIS JOHNSON  
9788 OLD WHITEVILLE RD  
LUMBERTON NC 28358

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF JEFFRY LOCKLEAR DECEASED FILE NUMBER: 24 E 589

The undersigned having qualified as Administrators, of the estate of JEFFRY LOCKLEAR, deceased, late of ROBESON COUNTY, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 3rd day of SEPTEMBER 2026 or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 30th day of MAY 2026.

NICHOLAS B DIMERY  
14727 JARNIGAN STREET  
CENTERVILLE VA 20120

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF JEREMIAH JAMES ROWLEY DECEASED FILE NUMBER: 26 E 000271-770

The undersigned having qualified as Administrators, of the estate of JEREMIAH JAMES ROWLEY, deceased, late of ROBESON COUNTY, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 3rd day of SEPTEMBER 2026 or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 30th day of MAY 2026.

CASANDRA DOLORES CAMPOS  
102 GARETT ROAD  
FAIRMONT NC 28340

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF JUDA FAYE HARDIN WALTERS DECEASED FILE NUMBER: 26 E 000588-770

The undersigned having qualified as Executor, of the estate of JUDA FAYE HARDIN WALTERS, deceased, late of ROBESON COUNTY, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 9th day of SEPTEMBER 2026 or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 6th day of JUNE 2026.

CANDICE LEANN LOCKLEAR  
2195 BLOOMINGDALE ROAD  
ORRUM NC 28369

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF KEVIN DEAN TART DECEASED FILE NUMBER: 26 E 000599-770

The undersigned having qualified as Administrators, of the estate of KEVIN DEAN TART, deceased, late of ROBESON COUNTY, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of SEPTEMBER 2026 or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 13th day of JUNE 2026.

JERRICA LYNN TART  
383 BELL RD  
ST PAULS NC 28384

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF ODESSA EVANS MCMILLAN DECEASED FILE NUMBER: 26 E 000627-770

The undersigned having qualified as Administrators, of the estate of ODESSA EVANS MCMILLAN, deceased, late of ROBESON COUNTY, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of SEPTEMBER 2026 or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 13th day of JUNE 2026.

FELICIA EVANS WILLIAMS  
290 NEALY AVENUE  
LUMBERTON NC 28360

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF ROBERT SINCLAIR JR DECEASED FILE NUMBER: 26 E 000279-770

The undersigned having qualified as Executor, of the estate of ROBERT SINCLAIR JR, deceased, late of ROBESON COUNTY, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of SEPTEMBER 2026 or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 6th day of JUNE 2026.

STACEY SINCLAIR  
1420 MARLBOROUGH RD  
FAYETTEVILLE NC 28304

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF BID INVITATION  
Action Pathways is accepting subcontractors' bids for a home energy improvement project under the North Carolina Weatherization Assistance Program. The program is sponsored by the State Department of Environment and Natural Resources Weatherization Program Office. The contract requires the weatherization of homes in Anson, Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, Hoke, Montgomery, Moore, Pender, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, and Scotland Counties during the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. During the course of this project, subcontracted work is required to install energy saving measures, to service and/or install heating equipment in customers' homes, to perform minor electrical repairs in customers' homes, and to perform minor plumbing repairs in customers' homes. Action Pathways is requesting proposals from interested parties who are properly licensed contractors in the State of North Carolina in the following individual trades:

- GENERAL CONTRACTOR
  - HEATING, VENTILATING, & AIR CONDITIONING (HVAC)
  - ELECTRICAL
  - PLUMBING
  - ENERGY AUDITORS
  - NEAT/MHEA QUALITY CONTROL FINAL INSPECTORS
- Bid Packages will be available for pickup after 09:00 AM on Monday, May 25, 2026 Action Pathways on 4525 Campground Road, Fayetteville, NC, 28314, 325 Buie Circle, Fayetteville, NC 28314 or available for complete examination online at [www.actionpathways.ngo](http://www.actionpathways.ngo). A bidder's conference is scheduled to discuss the details of the project on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 10:00 AM at Action Pathways at 325 Buie Circle, Fayetteville, NC, 28314. Bids are on-going and will be accepted from May 25, 2026, 09:00 AM through April 29, 2027, at 4525 Campground Road Action Pathways c/o Lolita Grant Weatherization Bid Packet P.O. Box 25759 Fayetteville, NC 28314 Contractors submitting bids must include in the bid package: a copy of the business license, trade certification and training (Lead Renovator and Asbestos Safety Training), and proof of General Liability, Pollution Occurrence Insurance (General Contractors), Automobile Liability Insurance and Workmen's Compensation Insurances. FAXED BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Bids will be opened at Action Pathways 325 Buie Circle, Fayetteville, NC 28314 on a weekly basis on Tuesday's at 3:00 PM Contractors will be notified of bid award upon final approval from the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources Office.

6/20 2026



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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF VICTOR JAMES ROLLINS JR DECEASED FILE NUMBER: 26 E 000594-770

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NORTH CAROLINA ROBESON COUNTY  
Date of Sale: July 1, 2026  
Special Proceedings No. 25SP001271-770 Substitute Trustee: Philip A. Glass  
RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
Deed of Trust:  
Time of Sale: 10:30 a.m.  
Place of Sale: Robeson County Courthouse  
Description of Property: See Attached Description  
Record Owners: Jesus Mendoza (Bethany Rose Mendoza has marital interest)  
Address of Property: 469 Forest Road  
Book: 2400 Page: 612  
Dated: April 28, 2023  
Grantors: Jesus A. Mendoza and Bethany Rose Mendoza, husband and wife Original Beneficiary: State Employees' Credit Union Lumberton, NC 28358  
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# Raleigh parade to celebrate Hurricanes Saturday

Staff report

**RALEIGH** — The Carolina Hurricanes will celebrate their Stanley Cup championship with a parade and pep rally Saturday in downtown Raleigh.

The parade will begin at 11 a.m. and the pep rally will follow. Spectators are encouraged to arrive early, with huge crowds expected downtown.

The parade route is about one mile long, and begins on Hillsborough Street, starting at the intersection with St. Mary's Street and traveling east towards the State Capitol. Around the Capitol, it will turn right onto Salisbury Street and left on Morgan Street before turning right onto Fayetteville Street and continuing southward. The route will end where Fayetteville Street crosses Davie Street, with the pep rally to be held at City Plaza.

Players, coaches and special guests are expected to speak at the pep rally. Video screens and speakers will also be placed along Fayetteville Street for fans to watch and listen.

State-owned parking decks in the downtown Raleigh area are free to the public on Saturday. Fans are also encouraged to utilize public transit to ease congestion in the area.

Additional route, transportation, parking and logistical information is available at <https://raleighnc.gov/canes-parade>.

Warm and sunny weather is expected for Saturday's event.

In addition to Hurricanes players, coaches, support staff, front office and broadcasters, parade entries will include police, fan groups, Hurricanes alumni and the N.C. State University marching band and dance team.

Saturday has also been declared as Carolina Hurricanes Day in the City of Raleigh by Mayor Janet Cowell.

The Hurricanes won their second Stanley Cup championship by defeating the Vegas Golden Knights in the final four games to two; Carolina clinched the Cup with a 3-0 win in Game 6 Sunday in Las Vegas. Longtime Hurricane



John Locher | AP Photo

The Carolina Hurricanes pose for photos after defeating the Vegas Golden Knights in Game 6 of the NHL Stanley Cup Finals Sunday in Las Vegas.

Eric Staal was named the Conn Smythe Trophy winner as the playoff MVP.

The team previously won the Stanley Cup in 2006.

# US beats Australia to advance to World Cup knockout round

Andrew Destin  
AP Sports Writer

**SEATTLE** — Christian Pulisic's injury absence didn't hurt the Americans one bit.

The U.S. national soccer team found a way to advance to the knockout round without the injured forward on the field, beating Australia 2-0 Friday for its second straight victory at the largest World Cup in history.

"C.P. is a fantastic player — the quality and the leadership that he gives us," said Folarin Balogun, who scored two goals in the 4-1 victory over Paraguay on June 12. "We didn't have him today, but I think you saw we're still capable to go out there and get a result and put up a performance."

Pulisic, who plays for AC Milan and has 33 goals in 87 international appearances, missed Friday's match because of a calf injury.

To play without a superstar like Pulisic could have derailed previous American teams in World Cup play. But much has changed since the last time they served as World Cup hosts in 1994, when they advanced by being one of the best third-place teams. They then lost to eventual champion Brazil in their next match, which was in the round of 16.

At this year's 48-team tournament, the U.S. has won consecutive games for the first time at a World Cup since 1930. The Americans have scored six goals, one off their record for most in a single World Cup, and received contributions throughout their roster.

Alex Freeman, the youngest player on the team at 21 and son of Super Bowl champion Antonio Freeman, gave the Americans a 2-0 lead in the 43rd minute off a set piece. Freeman headed in a deflected shot by Sergiño Dest for his first career World Cup goal. The goal was confirmed after a video review.

"(He) is doing a fantastic job," coach Mauricio Pochettino said of Freeman. "The evolution is massive. He's so humble. He wants to learn. He always listens. He's a player that you really enjoy



Maddy Grassy | AP Photo

Australia's Aiden O'Neill (13) appeals for offside after the United States' Alex Freeman (16) scored a goal past Australia goalkeeper Patrick Beach (18) during Friday's World Cup match in Seattle.

being with him. Not only coaching, but being with him."

The U.S. took a 1-0 lead in the 11th minute after a run down the left sideline by Balogun.

He directed a centering pass towards striker Ricardo Pepi, who started in place of Pulisic. The ball never reached Pepi, deflecting off Australia defender Cameron Burgess and into the Socceroos' net for an own-goal.

"I want to be dangerous, I want to create opportunities," Balogun said. "It might not always be myself that scores, but if I can force an error that gives us the lead, then for me it's like a goal as well. It was a special start to the game to give us the momentum."

The Americans did not score again after halftime, but the manner with which they so thoroughly dominated Australia in the opening 45 minutes left a lasting impression on Socceroos coach Tony Popovic.

"It did not surprise us because their quality is clear," Popovic said. "Their power is clear. Their athleticism is clear. They are not surprising in what they did."

Expectations will only increase for the U.S. as they rack up more victories and momentum builds around the team. The way the Americans have started the tournament in dominant fashion has not changed Pochettino's perception of the team and what it is capable of,

though.

"I think it's much better when you show good performances and win the games," Pochettino said. "I think that makes it easier, everything. But, at the same time, it's (important) to keep believing."

Still, the U.S. learned it can get out of the group stage without Pulisic. And, they have the roster to make a deep run in the tournament.

"We know how vital Christian is to the team and how much he can contribute in the game," Freeman said. "For us it was, we have Ricardo Pepi, who came in and had an amazing game. I think that just shows how (good) our roster is."

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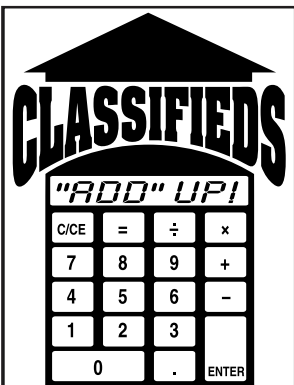
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# CWS title would fulfill dream for Fox, still involved with Heels

**Eric Olson**  
AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — Mike Fox was part of almost every major milestone North Carolina has achieved in baseball, either as a player or coach. A national championship was all that eluded him.

He retired six years ago as the program's all-time wins leader, but his attachment to the Tar Heels remains strong as ever.

Fox, 70, watched from the Carolina fan section at Charles Schwab Field as the Tar Heels swept through three games at the College World Series to reach the championship round for the first time since he led them to their first two finals in 2006-07.

As he enjoyed some down time at the team hotel Thursday, his emotions began running high as he thought out loud about how he would react if Carolina beat Oklahoma in the best-of-three finals starting Saturday.

"Somebody's probably going to have to grab me to keep me from jumping on the dogpile," he said, laughing.

Fox is a Tar Heel through and through. The Asheville native was Carolina's second baseman 50 years ago and made the All-CWS team in 1978. That year he led the Tar Heels to their first-ever CWS win, homering on the second pitch of the game and going 3 for 5 with three RBIs in a 9-5 victory over Michigan.

After coaching 15 years at

Division III North Carolina Wesleyan, Fox returned to the Tar Heels in 1999 and won 948 games, had five 50-win seasons and took seven teams to the CWS. His No. 30 jersey was retired in 2022.

Fox's influence is still felt. Coach Scott Forbes, his handpicked successor, played for him in the 1990s at North Carolina Wesleyan and was his assistant at Carolina from 2006-20. Assistants Bryant Gaines, Jesse Wierzbicki and Scott Jackson played for or coached with Fox, as did staffer Jason Howell and undergraduate assistants Kyle Datres and Brandon Martorano.

"They are my boys," Fox said. "I knew them when, as kids. Now I see them walking through the lobby pushing strollers with 3- and 4-year-olds on their shoulders. That'll make you cry, if nothing else."

Fox has attended most, if not all, home games since he retired, but intentionally kept some distance his first two or three years of retirement because he wanted to give the coaching staff space. Now he attends some practices and has worked as third-base umpire during intrasquad scrimmages and will throw batting practice if he's asked.

"I never want to be a burden to them or get in the way of certainly what they're trying to do," he said, "so I'm very thankful I can just get in my truck and drive to the stadium and hang out for a couple hours and go home."

Fox retired just before



Then-North Carolina coach Mike Fox reacts following an NCAA Super Regional game against Stetson on June 9, 2018 in Chapel Hill. Gerry Broome | AP File Photo

the start of college athlete compensation and the liberalization of transfer rules. Forbes' pitching staff is mostly homegrown, but six players in the everyday lineup did not start their careers at Carolina. Fox said Forbes and his staff have adjusted to the new era magnificently, as evidenced by the Tar Heels having made super regionals three straight years and four of the last six.

"The trick now is when you bring in all these kids from the portal, they all come from different places and you still need to be a team, and he's been able to master that at the highest level," Fox said. "We've

been probably the best program consistency-wise since '22. And that's extremely hard to do in this day and age when there's so many good programs."

North Carolina has won a total of 52 NCAA championships across eight sports, and the baseball team will try to make it 53 across nine sports by Sunday or Monday.

"This is something I've been dreaming about for a long time, certainly since I became the coach there," Fox said.

What would make it especially meaningful to Fox is that he would be able to celebrate it with so many

people he knows and loves.

"Raising a trophy over your head would be incredible. It's the ultimate," he said. "But, boy, those relationships and memories, all coaches are going to find that out. The day after you retire, it hits you like a ton of bricks. The wins and losses are gone — poof."

"Those relationships and memories are what you're really doing this for and it's hard to see that when you're in the middle of it. I'm so thankful I have relationships with those coaches and they've allowed me to still be a small part of this program because it's a big part of my heart."

## Tar Heels seek 1st baseball title, face Sooners in CWS final

**Eric Olson**  
AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — Scott Forbes had just wrapped up a College World Series news conference Friday when Skip Johnson walked into the room to pose with him for an annual picture of the head coaches next to the national championship trophy, a longtime tradition the day before the start of the finals.

"Hey, buddy," North Carolina's Forbes said, beaming and extending his hand to the Oklahoma coach.

"You thought we were going to fight?" Johnson said, turning to reporters.

The college baseball lifers have known each other for decades, since they spent long days and nights scouting the same talent showcases and engaging in recruiting battles during long runs as assistants.

"I always thought if we met up together," Forbes told Johnson, "we'd be hunting."

Oh, they're hunting together all right.

North Carolina will be looking for its first national title in baseball and Oklahoma for its third when the schools square off in Game 1 of the best-of-three series at Charles Schwab Field on Saturday night. Game time for the series opener was moved to 3 p.m. ET in anticipation of inclement weather Saturday evening.

The Tar Heels and Sooners have taken different routes to reach the same destination.

North Carolina (53-12-1) has lost consecutive games just once, in early March, and has been ranked no lower than No. 4 by D1Baseball.com the last two months.

Oklahoma (41-22) was ranked as high as No. 8 and then lost six of nine series in Southeastern Conference play. The Sooners finished 11th in the SEC and were unranked when they entered the national tournament off losses in seven of nine games.

"I think the SEC just offers a great preparation, period, for this type of tournament," OU's Trey Gambill said. "There's no breaks. Just like in this tournament, you're not playing any bad teams. You're not playing any mediocre teams. You're playing the best of the best. So the SEC just prepared us for always being ready to put our best out there."

Both teams went 3-0 in CWS bracket

play. The Tar Heels have won five straight, and the Sooners are on a season-best eight-game streak.

The Game 1 pitching matchup pits North Carolina ace Jason DeCaro (11-2) against 6-foot-6, 237-pound left-hander Cord Rager (6-3), one of three freshman starters for the Sooners. DeCaro went 6 2/3 innings and struck out nine in Carolina's 6-2 win over Mississippi last Friday. Rager walked none and struck out eight in seven innings of a 9-0 win over Alabama last Saturday.

### SEC streak on line

Oklahoma will be going for the Southeastern Conference's seventh straight national title and 18th overall, which would tie the Pac-12 for most.

The SEC is assured of having the champion, runner-up or both for the 20th time since 2000. The Sooners are the 10th different SEC team to reach the finals over that span.

### ACC's first finals since 2015

North Carolina is the first Atlantic Coast Conference team to make the CWS finals since Virginia in 2015.

The Tar Heels are trying to become the third ACC program to win a national title in baseball. Wake Forest won the first in 1955 and Virginia the second in 2015.

North Carolina (2006-07, 2026) and Virginia (2014-15) are the only ACC programs to play in the finals since the best-of-three format started in 2003.

### Power surge

DeCaro will face a Sooners team that's averaging 10.4 runs per game with 22 homers during their eight-game win streak. They've gone deep eight times in the CWS, including five in an 11-4 win over Georgia on Wednesday. OU has 45 homers in its 20 games since May 1 after hitting 46 homers in its first 43.

"What Jason's going to do is what he's been doing," Forbes said. "We don't care what the offense has been, what they're doing, how hot they are. He's going to go right after them with his stuff. You start being tentative, you start getting negative counts, then that offense gets even better."

### Call him K-den

North Carolina is 28-0 when Caden

Glauber pitches. The freshman leads the Tar Heels with 106 strikeouts and 13.76 per nine innings, and he has allowed one run in 5 1/3 innings over three CWS games.

Another freshman reliever, lefty Jackson Rose, pitched 4 1/3 innings of shutout relief in a 12-7 win over West Virginia and has a 2.15 ERA over 50 2/3 innings this season.

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# Clark takes 4-shot lead to weekend at US Open

**Doug Ferguson**  
AP Golf Writer

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. — Wyndham Clark keeps leaving his mark on Shinnecock Hills, completing the lowest first round in a U.S. Open on this course Friday morning and setting a 36-hole standard in the early afternoon to build a four-shot lead going to the weekend.

With so much chaos around him, Clark played a steady hand — a far cry from where he was at the U.S. Open last year when he missed the cut and smashed up a locker at storied Oakmont.

His last act was a 35-foot putt down the slope on the 18th green that dropped for a 1-under 69. That put him at 7-under 133, one shot better than Phil Mickelson and Shigeaki Maruyama at the halfway point in 2004 at Shinnecock Hills.

And the 2023 U.S. Open champion thinks he could be better.

“I really felt like I could be in double digits (under par),” Clark said. “But you know, the great thing about that is I didn’t feel like I had my best, and I still am leading as of right now. Hopefully, I can bring my A-game on the weekend.”

Xander Schauffele, with the best U.S. Open record of anyone without a U.S. Open title over the last 10 years, had a 66 to finish at 137 along with Matt Fitzpatrick, a former U.S. Open champion who birdied two of his last three

holes to salvage a 70. The pair are tied for second at 3 under par alongside afternoon finishers Sam Stevens, who followed a Thursday 68 with a second-round 69, and Tom Kim, who shot 3-under 67 in a round that finished at twilight.

Collin Morikawa tied the day’s best score with a 65 and vaulted to sixth place at a 2-under total. Justin Thomas, Harry Higgs, Sam Burns and Sahith Theegala are each tied for seventh at 1 under.

The most remarkable day belonged to Joaquin Niemann. He made a 9 on No. 6 — his 15th and final hole of the fog-delayed first round that was halted by darkness — only for it to become an 11 when the USGA penalized two shots for bad behavior.

Niemann hit two drives that were lost, chopped his way up the fairway and finally lost it by heaving his club. The majors are cracking down on behavior this year — the Masters was the first to use the policy this year — and the USGA deemed it serious enough to skip the warning and go straight to the harsh two-shot penalty.

Niemann headed out for his second round, made five birdies in six holes and shot 65 to easily get inside the cut line. It was the first time in 97 years at the U.S. Open someone made 10 or worse in a U.S. Open and still make the cut.

“All the frustration that came inside me and had



Gerald Herbert | AP Photo

Wyndham Clark waves after his putt on the 18th hole during the first round of the U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills in Southampton, N.Y.

my club in my hand, and I couldn’t resist to throw it away,” Niemann said. “There was no people, obviously. No one there. I’m not proud of it, but yeah, sometimes all the expectation of trying to play well and things doesn’t go your way, you get frustrated. And that was me there.”

Dustin Johnson managed to keep his head during a meltdown on the back nine.

Johnson, in his final year of U.S. Open exemptions from winning at Oakmont in 2016, was one shot behind Clark as they headed to the tee at the par-3 11th. He was 11 shots behind when they reached the 16th.

Johnson went from one bunker to the next for a double bogey on

the 11th. And then on the 15th, he went from the front right bunker to the front left bunker, left it in that bunker, blasted it over the green, chipped on and took two putts for a quadruple-bogey 8.

He attributed it to rocks in the sand. But he made birdie on the 16th and was likely to make the cut.

Scottie Scheffler and Rory McIlroy took their turns in the afternoon. The wind wasn’t as strong as Thursday, and while the course was still relatively soft by U.S. Open standards — greens were being sprayed in the early morning — the sun was out and the afternoon figured to be a strong test.

Each of the world’s

top two finished the day at even par, seven strokes behind Clark, with Scheffler recovering from an opening 72 with a Friday 68. They sit tied for 11th.

It was a long day for Clark and the other finishers because they had to return at 6:35 a.m. to resume the first round — 10 hours after they walked off the course.

Clark finished with two pars for a 64, the lowest start ever for a U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills, and had a two-shot lead. He doubled that, and then waited to see if anyone could make a run at him.

He was on a heater coming into Shinnecock Hills, winning The CJ Cup Byron Nelson with a 60 in the final

round, contending in the Memorial and the Canadian Open the last two weeks. Frustration peaked a year ago at Oakmont and in the months that followed. Now, he appears to be more comfortable with each day.

Schauffele has seven top 10s in his nine U.S. Open appearances, a Californian who keeps his cool even amid a tough test.

“It’s a brutal week,” Schauffele said. “Everyone watching at home wants to see guys shooting in the 80s and doing crazy things. I get it. You know, it’s once a year you get to see some carnage, and it’s at a U.S. Open. Try to embrace it as much as you can.”



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## A Joint Statement of Support for the Lumbee Tribe

We, the undersigned Chambers of Commerce from surrounding communities in Southeastern North Carolina and Northeastern South Carolina, proudly stand in support of the Lumbee Tribe and its efforts to create lasting economic opportunity for its people and the greater region.

The Lumbee Tribe has long been an important part of the cultural, economic, and community fabric of our area. The Tribe's continued growth and success directly impacts not only Lumbee families, but also local businesses, workers, contractors, restaurants, hotels, retailers, and communities throughout our surrounding towns and counties.

We believe this opportunity represents more than a single project or proposal. It represents a chance to move forward, strengthen local economies, and create new opportunities for future generations.

As Chambers of Commerce, our mission is to support business growth, encourage investment, and promote a stronger quality of life in the communities we serve. For that reason, we recognize the importance of supporting efforts that bring jobs, revenue, tourism, and new economic activity to our region.

We respectfully encourage Lumbee Tribal members to consider the positive impact this opportunity can have on their families, their communities, and the surrounding region.

**We support the Lumbee Tribe. We support economic growth. We support opportunity.**

*Respectfully submitted,*  
**Pembroke Chamber of Commerce**  
**Lumberton Area Chamber of Commerce**  
**Laurinburg-Scotland County Area Chamber of Commerce**  
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# Lifestyles

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## THE SKINNY Kids should be grateful on Father's Day

This week we celebrate Father's Day, and anyone that knows me knows that I am extremely grateful for my kids.

But my kids should also be thankful for having me.

Like any other kids, they roll their eyes at me sometimes, but they'd probably agree that I deserve a passing grade as a parent, despite my flaws. I don't have a lot of money, but I provide for my children, sometimes beyond my means. They know I love my job, and even though I must

sacrifice some evening and weekend time with them, I'm always available when they



**James Bass**  
Contributing columnist

need me. I don't disrespect their mother, especially in front of them, and I frequently acknowledge that her role is often more significant than mine.

The reason why they should be thankful is because they have a dad who is present, something more than 18 million children don't have.

That is about one out of four children without a father figure to provide some perspective, and according to the U.S. Census Bureau, that number has nearly tripled since 1960 when only one out of 10 children lived without a father in the home.

There is a myriad of reasons why single-parent homes exist, so this isn't about pointing fingers at dead-beat dads. In fact, many single mothers have successfully raised kids on their own. Still, I argue that fathers are highly important in the healthy development of children, and not just for their financial support.

Abundant research shows that without father figures in their lives, children are at a higher risk for emotional and mental health challenges, including early adulthood depression and diminished self-esteem. These effects appear to worse for females who experience the absence during their early years. It has a lasting effect on their future relationships, as well as their academic and professional success later in life.

Studies consistently show that children from father-absent households are at a higher risk of dropping out of school compared with those raised by two parents. Academic challenges are also a problem because children who grow up in homes without fathers tend

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The grand finale of the fireworks show illuminates Alton G. Brooks Stadium during the Family Fourth Celebration on July 3, 2024 in Lumberton.

Chris Stiles | The Robesonian

# How Robeson will celebrate America's 250th birthday

**Michele Chavis**  
The Robesonian

**ROBESON COUNTY** — It's almost July 4 in Robeson County and the community is excited and full of activities, no matter where you are. Celebrations will be especially festive this year on the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

### Pembroke

The 57th annual Lumbee Homecoming will take place through the days leading up to and including July 4. The weeklong celebration will include a July 4 parade, crafts, food, a car show, athletic competitions and the Miss Lumbee Pageant, among many other events throughout the week.

Lumbee Homecoming is the largest cultural event in the Southeast and celebrates the life, culture and history of the Lumbee Tribe.

### Lumberton

The City of Lumberton will be presenting its annual Family Fourth Celebration on Tuesday, July 2 at Lumberton High School. The free event will begin at 7 p.m. with a fireworks show at 9:30 p.m. It will also include live music from Rob Cole, the All-Veteran Parachute Jump Team, face-painting, inflatables, food and more. This is

a family-friendly event, and everyone is welcome.

### Rowland

Rowland will be featuring a spectacular fireworks display at McCormick Park at 7:30 on Saturday, July 4. There will be food vendors and live music. The celebration will end with the visually stunning fireworks show.

### Fairmont

The Town of Fairmont will host a three-day celebration running from Friday, June 26 through Sunday, June 28.

Celebrations will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 26 in the Heritage Center to kick off the weekend event with an "American Pie" concert, featuring performances by Allen Hayes, Jo Jo Hammond, Jim Pate and Mary Lewis & Friends. They will perform a variety of patriotic songs for the crowd.

The "Patriots on Parade" event will take place the following morning at 10 a.m., starting at the Town Hall parking lot. The parade will feature the 2025-26 Farmers Festival Queens alongside decorated golf carts, public service vehicles, churches and floats from various other organizations. There will be food and craft vendors in the Town Hall parking lot after the parade.

There will also be four



David Kennard | The Robesonian file photo

Crowds of visitors braved the near 90-degree temperatures at the Lumbee Homecoming Parade in Pembroke on July 5, 2025.

prize competitions on Saturday, June 27: best iced tea, Uncle Sam Dress-Up, best apple pie and most creative hot dog.

Finally, on Sunday, June 28, Fairmont will host its annual Fourth of July fireworks show. The event will run from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., with the fireworks launch planned for 9:15 p.m. The Pizazz band will be playing throughout the evening, with plenty of games, food and attractions for attending families.

### St. Pauls

The St. Pauls Volunteer Fire Department will put their annual fireworks show on Saturday, July 4 at 9 p.m.

The event is free and family friendly. The St. Pauls VFD is known for putting on a beautiful, vibrant show with well-organized and creative choreography. Be there early, seating may run out.

### Red Springs

The Town of Red Springs and the Red Springs Chamber of Commerce will be having a July 4 celebration starting at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 4 at Chavis and Locklear Park. The event will include a fireworks display and food vendors. The Throwback Collaboration Band will be playing live featuring R&B and smooth jazz hits.

### Maxton

Maxton will be celebrating

on Saturday, July 4 from 2 p.m. to dusk. The festivities will be held at Beachum Park and will include food vendors, craft vendors and end with a dazzling fireworks display.

### Renkert

The annual July 4 parade will be held in Renkert starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 4. The parade will feature the America's 250 Decorative Contest that will earn prizes for the top three floats. This is a free, family friendly event and there will be music, contests and games.

Michele Chavis is an intern for The Robesonian.

# Unique ways to celebrate Father's Day

Metro Creative Connection

Father's Day is a celebration of dads near and far. Falling on the third Sunday of June each year, Father's Day presents an opportunity for families to come together and put the spotlight on fathers who work tirelessly for their children and provide them with love and support. Father's Day also is a chance to honor the men who serve as father figures or play special roles in people's lives. It's easy for families to

fall into a routine when it comes to celebrating Father's Day. Certainly dinner and gift-giving is traditional, but there are additional ways to provide Dad with the day he deserves. Explore these creative options.

### Set up a scavenger hunt

Drag out the suspense of Dad getting his Father's Day gift by hiding it and requiring him to go through a series of clues to find it. When writing up the clue cards, spouses and children can reference particularly

happy moments or things around the house that are representative of Dad's love. For example, a clue may read, "Here's where we like to snuggle together to watch our favorite show."

### Take it outdoors

June weather tends to be pleasant, and that means Father's Day celebrations can be held outside. Everyone can select a spot that Dad loves to visit, whether it's a hiking trail or a local park, and then plan activities around the chosen location.

### Go on an adventure

Father's Day can be spent engaging in something the family has never tried before that may be exciting for Dad. Maybe he's always wanted to go off-roading on quads or try his skills at hatchet-throwing? The family can get together and choose an activity Dad will find engaging and that everyone can enjoy.

### Make it a beach day

Dad might just want a break from the hectic pace of life on Father's Day. This is the perfect

opportunity to head oceanside. For those who don't live by the coast, a river or lakefront spot can be an ideal alternative. Frequently these are touristy areas, so it could be relatively easy to find an eatery where everyone can make a reservation for lunch or dinner after enjoying a relaxing day with waves lapping the shore.

These are just a few clever ways to celebrate Father's Day. Families can choose activities that honor fathers and ensure he is feeling all the love.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EDITOR'S NOTE: Send your Community Calendar items to Editor Chris Stiles at [cstiles@robsonian.com](mailto:cstiles@robsonian.com)

**Breakfast on the Farm, 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., June 20:** Nina's Delights and Double LL Farms Meats have teamed up to extend an invitation to enjoy a delicious breakfast on the farm. Find a special picnic table, enjoy the fresh morning air, and indulge in a made-to-order breakfast. The event is at 5047 Pine Log Road in Lumberton. RSVP is recommended and appreciated. Call 910-258-2621.

**Trooper Stien Davis, Jr. Memorial 5K Run, 8 a.m., June 20:** Join the group of runners for the Trooper Stien Davis, Jr. Memorial 5K/Walk starting at the Pocket Park in Historic Downtown Lumberton. Proceeds will benefit his son, baby Stien Davis, III. Master Trooper Stien Davis, Jr., is deceased after a vehicle accident while on duty and employed by the North Carolina State Highway Patrol. The walk/run will be located in the Downtown Lumberton Pocket Park. You can sign up to run or walk at [runsignup.com/mastertrooperstiendavismemorialrun](http://runsignup.com/mastertrooperstiendavismemorialrun) for \$30.

**Juneteenth Festival, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., June 20:** Join the festivities on Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive in Lumberton. Food, music and special surprises are in store. Don't miss the fun celebration. For more info, call 910-624-9659.

**90's Party, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., June 20:** Rolling back to the 90's and having some fun at the Robeson County Public Library. Admission is free.

**Robeson County Disaster Planning & Resource Fair, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., June 21:** Legal Aid of NC's Disaster Relief Project will be in attendance to offer our disaster relief services and help with legal matters. This is a free event.

**Construction and Farm Equipment Auction, 8 a.m., June 23:** Lloyd Meekins & Sons Auction Company is hosting an auction sale of construction equipment and farm equipment. Visit the Facebook page for more information.

**Red, White & Blue Revue, 7 p.m., June 26-28:** The town of Fairmont proudly presents America's 250th anniversary event starting Friday, June 26 and Sunday, June 28. Each day has a different starting location: Friday at the Fairmont Heritage Center at 7 p.m.; Saturday at Downtown Fairmont for a parade at 10 a.m.; and Sunday at the Fairmont Community Park from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Fairmont is honoring America's birthday, July 4, 1776, with three days of events, including an American Pie Concert featuring live music by several groups. Day 2, the parade starts at 10 a.m. Be prepared to see Queens, decorated golf carts, vehicles, floats, music and more. Day 3: Attend the Fairmont's Fantastic Fireworks show.

**57th Lumbee Homecoming, June 26 to July 4:** As one of the largest and most anticipated Native American cultural celebrations in the Southeast, this weeklong event is rooted in tradition, fellowship and cultural pride. Community members and visitors will experience a week filled with cultural events, a parade, pageantry, family activities, food, crafts, music and opportunities to celebrate the rich history and vibrant future of the Lumbee Tribe. The Kick-Off Celebration & Fireworks Show, a new event on Friday, June 26, commemorates the first Lumbee Homecoming since the tribe received Federal recognition. Check the LRDA website for the schedule of events and correct times activities begin.

**Fourth of July Celebrations, 10 a.m., July 4:** The Town of Remert will host its annual July 4 parade. The parade will begin at 10 a.m., followed by Gospel Music from Project Commission, with games, fun, cook-offs, a watermelon-eating contest, bingo, basketball and cornhole tournaments. Fun for the entire family. This year, we will have an America's 250 Decorative Contest, so decorate your best floats and enter them in the parade. Prizes will be given to the top three floats. Contact our Town Hall at 910-843-2162 for more information.

**Kaftans, Stogies, and Musik, 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., July 25:** Designed to bring the community together in a refined yet relaxed setting, the event serves as the premiere scholarship fundraiser. Proceeds go directly to support the educational advancement of deserving students in the Lumberton community. The event is at the Southeastern Agricultural Events Center at 1027 U.S. Highway 74 in Lumberton.

**ONGOING**  
**Children's Storytime — Lumberton, 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.** on Tuesdays and Fridays, Robeson County Public Library, 101 N. Chestnut St., Lumberton.

**Children's Storytime — Pembroke, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** on the third Wednesday of the month at the Pembroke Library, 413 Blaine St, Pembroke.

### PET OF THE WEEK



Orville is a 3.5-month-old male Shepherd mix puppy available for rescue or adoption with an approved application and he is ready to find his perfect new forever home. Apply to adopt Orville on the AnimalsFirst website link located at the top of the Robeson County Animal Shelter's webpage. Visit Orville at the Robeson County Animal Shelter at 255 Landfill Road in St. Pauls or call 910-865-2200.

### FUN HOLIDAYS FOR JUNE 20-26

**National Seashell Day:** If you take your dad to the beach for Father's Day, celebrate this as well by looking for your favorite seashells on Sunday.

**National Eat at a Food Truck Day:** Commemorate America's latest dining trend on Friday by supporting your favorite portable eatery.

**Other fun holidays this week**

Saturday: American Eagle Day, International Asteroid Day, International Surfing Day, Mermaid Day, National Hike With a Geek Day, National Hollerin' Contest Day, National Ice Cream Soda Day,

National Vanilla Milkshake Day, Turkey Lovers' Day

Sunday: Father's Day, Summer Solstice, Baby Boomer's Recognition Day, Go Skateboarding Day, International Day of Yoga, International T-Shirt Day, National Dog Party Day, National Peaches and Cream Day, National Selfie Day, National Smoothie Day, Tall Girl Appreciation Day, World Giraffe Day, World Handshake Day, World Music Day

Monday: National Chocolate Eclair Day, National Onion Rings Day, Take Your Cat to Work Day, World Rainforest Day

Tuesday: International

Widow's Day, Let it Go Day, National Hydration Day, National Pecan Sandies Day, Pink Flamingo Day, Public Service Day, Runner's Selfie Day, Typewriting Day

Wednesday: Celebration of the Senses, International Fairy Day, Museum Comes to Life Day, National Pralines Day, St. Baptiste Day, Swim a Lap Day

Thursday: Color TV Day, Day of the Seafarer, Global Beatles Day, National Bomb Pop Day, National Catfish Day, National Handshake Day, National Strawberry Parfait Day

Friday: Beautician's Day, Drive Your Corvette to Work Day, Forgiveness Day, National Canoe Day, National Chocolate Pudding Day

Week of June 22-28: Amateur Radio Week, Fish are Friends Not Food Week, National Camping Week, National Forgiveness Week, National Insect Week, National Lightning Safety Awareness Week, National Play Catch Week, National Roller Coaster Week, Take Your Dog to Work Week

Source: [holidays-and-observances.com](http://holidays-and-observances.com)

### Fathers

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to earn lower grades and score lower on standardized tests. They are also more likely to repeat grades, miss school, and face more expulsions. In the long term, they are less likely to complete high school, earn college degrees, or achieve advanced professional qualifications.

Children from single-parent homes are more likely to have behavioral and emotional challenges, which

can also affect their academic performance even more than deficits in their intellectual potential.

But let's be honest, many men are capable of being a biological father, but not every father can be a dad. There's a difference.

Many years ago, while teaching a college English class, I spoke to my students about connotative and denotative language. The lesson was this: denotation of a word is its strict definition while connotation refers to the emotional and social

meaning associated with it. Clearly, what this means is dads try to be actively present, involved, and emotionally supportive in the lives of their children.

Admittedly, I can't make every ballgame, awards ceremony, or school function, but they know I would if my schedule permitted me to do so. They can, however, count on me for advice, for help, for support, and to be someone who listens and pays attention to them.

I certainly don't think my children take me for granted.

Not at all. But they may not always realize how lucky they are that I am there for them, either. I am fine with that because they should expect that from me — fatherhood isn't just a responsibility, it is a privilege.

I can confidently say I'm sure my children appreciate me, but more importantly, I want to thank them for allowing me to be their father and dad.

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## SUDOKU

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#### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Advanced

#### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

## PUZZLES & GAMES

**CRYPTO FUN**

Solve the code to discover words related to the pollinators. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 26 = 0)

A. 6 26 4 4 13 17 9 7 26 19  
Clue: Carries pollen

B. 11 4 26 25 16 19  
Clue: Contains petals

C. 22 19 26 25 7 23  
Clue: Getting bigger

D. 24 4 26 26 5 8  
Clue: Flowering

Answers: A: pollinator B: flower C: grown D: blooms

**WORD SCRAMBLE**

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the pollinators.

E S E B

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Answer: Bees

**GUESS WHO?**

I am an actor born in South Korea on June 16, 1972. I first rose to fame in a film franchise opposite Kal Penn. I also portrayed a character in the reboot of the "Star Trek" franchise. I made history as the first Asian American actor to star in a mainstream Hollywood thriller.

Answer: John Cho

**WORD SCRAMBLE**

Rearrange the letters in the word to spell something pertaining to New Year's Eve.

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Answer: Midnight

**SUDOKU ANSWER**

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5	1	4	8	7	6	2	3	9
3	9	7	6	1	5	8	4	2
8	4	2	9	5	1	6	3	7



## Survivors Day celebrates hope at Gibson Cancer Center

**Heather Walters**  
UNC Health Southeastern  
Foundation

LUMBERTON — Gibson Cancer Center welcomed cancer survivors, patients, families, caregivers, teammates and community members on June 5 for Survivors Day, an annual celebration honoring those whose lives have been touched by cancer.

Funded by UNC Health Southeastern Foundation, this year's theme, Camp Hope, brought together survivors, families, and supporters for a day of learning, laughter, fellowship and reflection. Guests enjoyed educational exhibits, wellness resources, entertainment, food, interactive activities and opportunities to connect with others who understand the cancer journey.

Guests also had the opportunity to view the first "Path to Hope" bricks that have been installed outside Gibson Cancer Center and a rendering of the future "Tree of Hope," both part of the "Hope Starts Here" campaign supporting cancer care in

our region.

"Survivors Day is always one of the most special days of the year at Gibson Cancer Center because it gives us the opportunity to celebrate our survivors and the families, friends, and caregivers who have been part of their journey," said Sissy Grantham, executive director of UNC Health Southeastern Foundation. "The Camp Hope theme created a fun atmosphere while reminding everyone that no one faces cancer alone. It was exciting to see so many people gathered together and to share the progress being made through 'Hope Starts Here.'"

Gibson Cancer Center provides comprehensive cancer care close to home for patients throughout southeastern North Carolina. Last year, the center recorded more than 125,000 patient encounters and continues to offer treatment, support services, survivorship programs and resources for patients and families.

"We are incredibly proud of our Gibson

Cancer Center team for the outstanding job they did bringing Camp Hope to life," said Steve Elgin, administrative director of Gibson Cancer Center. "Survivors Day takes months of planning, and our teammates created an experience that truly honored the people we serve. It was a great day for survivors, families, and our community, and I am thankful for the dedication our team brings to this event and to patient care throughout the year."

To learn more about "Hope Starts Here," purchase a commemorative brick, or explore "Tree of Hope" recognition opportunities, visit [www.unhealthsoutheastern.org/foundation](http://www.unhealthsoutheastern.org/foundation) or call 910-671-5583. To learn more about cancer care provided through UNC Health Southeastern and Gibson Cancer Center, visit <https://www.unhealthsoutheastern.org/care-treatment/cancer/>.

Heather Walters is the manager of donor experience & engagement for the UNC Health Southeastern Foundation.



Photo courtesy of UNC Health Southeastern Foundation

Survivors Day Camp Hope counselors, from left, were Oncology Research Nurse Sharon Smith, Oncology Business Analyst Hayley Walters, Oncology Social Worker Ivanaly Ruizandaluz, Navigation Coach Jennifer Prevatte, Oncology Social Worker Codi Pait and Staff RN Angie Hill. They guided campers through educational exhibits, wellness resources, interactive activities and opportunities to connect with others who understand the cancer journey.

## An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure

Some of the deadliest diseases are colon cancer, cervical cancer, breast cancer, prostate cancer, heart disease and diabetes which kill almost 1 million people in the U.S. alone. These

often begin silently. We recommend routine screening because treatment is most effective when we find these diseases early.

If a patient ignores getting a colonoscopy

or stool analysis at 45 and ends up with Stage 4 cancer three years later, an initially treatable condition

(often a polyp removal done during the colonoscopy itself) becomes life-threatening. When these conditions are discovered early through routine screening, simple interventions can be life-saving.

Routine screening is

part of preventive care. These are healthcare measures focused on prevention and early detection rather than waiting for symptoms. Early detection leads to better outcomes, less invasive treatments, lower healthcare costs and improved quality of life. It is important to recognize that most conditions are asymptomatic in their early stages. High blood pressure, diabetes and high cholesterol often cause no symptoms until major damage has been done.

**For everyone**  
Routine bloodwork is like the "check engine" light of the body. This is our early warning. This includes cholesterol, blood glucose, kidney function, liver function, thyroid testing, PSA for men to check for prostate cancer and blood counts to check for anemia, infection and certain cancers. Some of these tests are done every five years or so and some should be done annually. Discuss your schedule with your physician.

Colonoscopies can both detect and prevent/treat cancer by removing precancerous polyps during the procedure.

The current recommendations are to begin at age 45 for average-risk adults. If the initial exam is normal, you may end up repeating it every five to 10 years. If higher risk, such as those with inflammatory bowel disease, colonoscopies are performed every one to two years. There are also stool-based screening tests. These do not replace colonoscopy in all patients but are acceptable as an initial screening tool in average risk patients. Or if a patient does not want to get a colonoscopy, sending a stool sample is a better screening measure than doing nothing.

Blood pressure monitoring and heart disease screening are very important. Hypertension is known as the "silent killer." Uncontrolled blood pressure is a major contributor to strokes, heart attacks and kidney disease. Blood pressure should be checked at least yearly in adults and much more frequently if elevated.

Vaccines have unfortunately been vilified without evidence in the political news a lot lately. It is the consensus of the medical community that vaccines are safe, effective, preventive medicine and they save lives. As physicians, we have received all vaccines, including annual influenza and covid vaccines. My children are up to date on all vaccines as well. We would not ask you to do anything that we did not believe is safe and important. Diseases like measles can be life threatening even a decade or more after recovery with spontaneous inflammation in the brain. They also wipe out

your ability to fight off other infections causing "immune amnesia". The original American Academy of Pediatrics Vaccination schedule is safe. For adults we recommend a yearly influenza vaccine, a tetanus booster every ten years, shingles vaccination at age 50 and pneumonia vaccination at age 65 in average risk patients. Higher risk patients should get some of these vaccinations earlier. Please discuss vaccination schedules with your physician! Vaccines protect not only individuals but vulnerable communities.

**For women**  
Mammograms matter because early-stage breast cancer is far more treatable. Mammograms can detect cancer before it can be felt. Most women of average risk should begin mammograms at age 40 and repeat every one to two years. Higher-risk patients may need earlier screening. Your physician can also teach you to do a monthly breast self-exam in addition to your annual exam.

For women, it is important to get their pap smear done starting the age of 21. It is not recommended for anyone under the age of 21 years old, even if you are sexually active. Pap smear is part of your routine screening and is helpful to detect the development of cervical cancer. Current guidelines suggest pap smear should be done between the age of 21 to 65. For average-risk patients between the ages of 21 and 29, screening should be done every 3 years. From age 30 to 65, you should also have it done every 3 years, with the addi-

tion of co-testing with the HPV test. As young people get vaccinated against the HPV virus, we expect to see less cervical cancer.

**For men**  
The PSA or prostate-specific antigen blood test helps evaluate prostate cancer risk in men. Men should discuss PSA screening with their physician. Screening decisions should be individualized because PSA testing has both benefits and limitations. Trauma, infections and cancer can elevate your PSA level. This is usually done between the ages of 55 and 69.

**The importance of prevention**  
As emergency physicians, we often see these conditions when it is nearly too late. It is heartbreaking to know it could have been treated with some simple preventive care and screening.

**A few examples**  
A heartbreaking example is a 55-year-old father of four who didn't want to get a colonoscopy because he thought it was "gross" who comes to the emergency department with abdominal pain and is found to have advanced colon cancer.

Another is the 46-year-old mother of three who "just never got around to" getting mammograms who now has advanced breast cancer.

Last example, a 36-year-old man who has been having uncontrolled hypertension, symptoms initially only right foot pain. He developed an aortic dissection that required going into surgery for repair.

Advanced cancers diagnosed after symptoms become severe have a much more difficult

treatment course. Uncontrolled diabetes or hypertension leading to kidney disease, heart failure, strokes and heart attacks are preventable when caught early. Sometimes these patients "just don't like doctors" (no offense taken) and "feel fine" and they simply have not had routine medical care in years.

Preventive care is not about searching for illness! It is about protecting the years of healthy life ahead so you can enjoy your life and be active as long as possible.

We encourage patients to:

- Schedule annual wellness visits
- Stay current on vaccines
- Know their family history
- Talk with their physician about age-appropriate screenings
- Do not skip colonoscopies, mammograms, or other preventive screenings (these are not done in the Emergency Department, they are done with your primary care provider).

If you need a primary care physician, UNC Health Southeastern Family Medicine at The Oaks and UNC Health Southeastern Internal Medicine at Tanglewood are accepting new patients. To learn more, visit [UNHealthSE.org](http://UNHealthSE.org).

Tasane Rungteranoont, M.D., and Sarah Spelsberg, M.D., are Emergency Medicine Residents at UNC Health Southeastern. In addition to offering services you'd expect from a community healthcare system, UNC Health Southeastern provides a number of specialized services that are unique to our system and not available anywhere else in the region. To schedule an appointment, call our referral line at 984-974-CARE.

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Rhaenyra Targaryen (Emma D'Arcy, "Truth Seekers") returns to the Seven Kingdoms' capital in "House of the Dragon" Season 3, premiering on HBO and HBO Max Sunday, June 21. Following plenty of scheming among rival factions in Season 2, series writers have promised "all-out war" as Rhaenyra arrives in King's Landing with a hunger for iron and a thirst for blood. Matt Smith ("Doctor Who") and Ewan Mitchell ("Wuthering Heights," 2026) co-star.

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# Battle of the blonds: Targaryens wage war in 'HOTD' Season 3

By Dana Simpson  
TV Media

Early this year, American author and world-builder extraordinaire George R.R. Martin met with The Hollywood Reporter to discuss his eternally popular Game of Thrones empire, a creation which cemented the author's transformation from "son of a New Jersey longshoreman who got his start by selling monster stories to schoolmates for a dime apiece" to "the country's most recognizable author aside from Stephen King."

Martin has been a recurring topic of discussion in the entertainment industry since the April 2011 premiere of "Game of Thrones" on HBO, an adaptation of his beloved A Song of Fire and Ice literary series which released its first installment (the similarly titled "A Game of Thrones") in 1996. But in recent years — and as fans of the author's work will know — Martin has become a rather more contentious figure in the pop culture sphere, particularly due to the perpetually pending arrival of A Song of Ice and Fire's final two novels; novels that have been promised since the 2011 publication of the series' most recent novel, "A Dance with Dragons."

And while a decade ago Martin told The Hollywood Reporter "I have to finish the next book ... I'm trying to cut back on anything that I can to clear my decks and get this done," his new approach is a softer one: "I want to finish," he told THR interviewer James Hibberd in January, while reaffirming that he is very much not ready to give up on the writing process just yet.

"I would hate that," Martin told Hibberd. "[Giving up] would feel like a total failure to me."

So, while Martin sits at his keyboard, his fans must keep their eyes affixed to their television sets where, mercifully, another season of "House of the Dragon" is about to begin.

"House of the Dragon" Season 3 premieres Sunday, June 21, on HBO and the HBO Max streaming service.

"House of the Dragon" is Martin's second series with HBO, having premiered its freshman season a little more than three years after "Game of Thrones" ended and shy of four years before the universe's newest installment, "A Knight of the Seven Kingdoms," premiered. The series follows the silvery-blond Tar-



Ewan Mitchell in "House of the Dragon"

garyen clan as they battle for succession 172 years before the birth of "GOT" tragic heroine Daenerys Targaryen (Emilia Clarke, "Ponies").

The series' first season boasts a 90% approval rating from critics (and 82% from viewers) on Rotten-Tomatoes.com, with reviewers praising the show's world-building, political intrigue and acting. Season 2's approval, however, fell to 84% and 72% among critics and audiences, respectively, as the pace slowed and the drama became more character driven. Never fear, though, because Rhaenyra (Emma D'Arcy, "Truth Seekers") is back in King's Landing this season — and she comes bearing dragons.

No official HBO season description exists as of writing, but according to Entertainment Weekly, who released an exclusive "HOTD" story titled "Burn, Baby, Burn" on May 26, the Season 3 premiere "brings us the Battle of the Gullet, one of the most violent sea battles in the history of this fantasy world.

"The scarring aftermath of this moment will carry both the Greens (supporters of King Aegon's [Tom Glynn-Carney, "Dunkirk," 2017] claim to the Iron Throne) and the Blacks (supporters of Queen Rhaenyra)

through to the inevitable conclusion," continues the synopsis.

"It's all-out war," said actor Ewan Mitchell ("Wuthering Heights," 2026), who plays Prince Aemond Targaryen, in an interview with EW.

"It's just a blitz straight out of the gate."

From a logistical perspective, showrunner and Martin's "HOTD" co-creator Ryan J. Condal ("Colony") told EW that the Season 3 premiere is "arguably the craziest episode of television ever made."

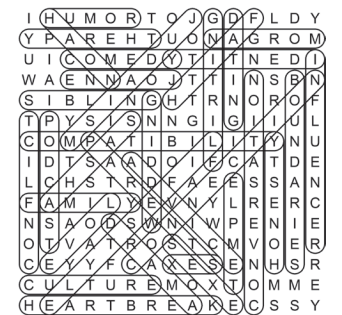
This commitment to action (and dragons!) is a huge relief for the many fans who were disappointed by Season 2's lackluster conclusion in August 2024. But with nearly two years to ruminate, Martin's mid-January exit due to creative differences and Condal's HBO deal extended into 2029, "House of the Dragon" now has plenty of wind under its scaled and leathery wings.

"When you're a showrunner, you're always in the position of having to balance storytelling and the resources that you have available to tell that story," Condal said, per The Hollywood Reporter. "We are trying to give the Gullet — which is arguably the second most anticipated action event of 'Fire & Blood' — the time and the space that it deserves.

"We also wanted to build some anticipation toward it," the showrunner added, "so I apologize for the wait."

"House of the Dragon's" third season contains eight episodes and stars Matt Smith ("Doctor Who"), Fabien Frankel ("The Serpent"), Olivia Cooke ("Bates Motel"), Steve Toussaint ("Before We Die"), Sonoya Mizuno ("Maniac"), Kurt Egyiawan ("Beasts of No Nation," 2015), Rhys Ifans ("Notting Hill," 1999), Matthew Needham ("Napoleon," 2023) and Jefferson Hall ("Oppenheimer," 2023), alongside Glynn-Carney, Mitchell and D'Arcy.

Pick a side and join the battle when Season 3 of "House of the Dragon" premieres with a bang Sunday, June 21, on HBO and HBO Max. The series has also recently been renewed for a fourth — and, per Condal, final — season, scheduled to release sometime in 2028.



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### Robeson County

#### **Children's Storytime-Lumberton**

Tuesday, June 16, 2026 , 10:30am-11:00am  
 Friday, June 19, 2026, 10:30am-11:00am  
 Tuesday, June 23, 2026, 10:30am-11:00am  
 Robeson County Public Library  
 101 N Chestnut St, Lumberton, NC

#### **Children's Storytime-Pembroke**

PEMBROKE LIBRARY  
 Wednesday, June 17, 2026 , 10:30am-11:30am

#### **Welcome to Jurassic Park! - Kids**

Tuesday, June 16, 2026 , 10:30am-11:30am  
Robeson County Public Library  
 • 101 N Chestnut St, Lumberton, NC

Wednesday, June 17, 2026 , 10:30am-11:30am

Annie H Mc Eachern Library  
 • 223 W Broad St, St. Pauls, NC

Tuesday, Jun 16, 4:00 pm  
Rowland Public Library  
 • Rowland, NC

#### **Robeson County Farmers Market**

Dick Taylor Plaza (Historic Downtown)  
 Lumberton, NC  
 Sat, Jun 13, 2026, 8:00 am  
 Tuesday, June 16, 2026, 5:30pm-7:00pm

#### **Wet Felting Class - RAG**

Robeson Art Guild  
 109 West 9th Street  
 Lumberton, NC  
 Saturday, June 13, 2026 , 12:00pm-4:00pm

#### **Scotland Health Care's Hooked on Health: A**

Free Men's Health Event  
 Lowry's Fishing Farm/Sadie's Channel Cats |  
 Rowland, NC  
 8:00 am  
 Sat, Jun 13, 2026

#### **Wet Felting Class - RAG**

Robeson Art Guild | Lumberton, NC  
 12:00 pm  
 Sat, Jun 13, 2026

#### **Hairspray: The Musical**

Carolina Civic Center | Lumberton, NC  
 Sat, Jun 13, 2026, 1:00 pm; 7:00 pm  
 Sun, Jun 14, 2026, 3:00pm  
 Price \$15.00 to \$30.00— Adults \$30, Seniors  
 (60+) and Military \$27. Students \$15.

#### **Artist Choice/ Remembrance Poppy Exhibition - RAG**

Tuesday, June 16, 2026 , 11:00am-4:00pm  
 Thursday, June 18, 2026, 11:00am-4:00pm  
 Tuesday, June 23, 2026, 11:00am-4:00pm  
 Robeson Art Guild  
 109 West 9th Street, Lumberton, NC

#### **Lumberton Ukulele Club**

Tuesday, June 16, 2026 , 6:00pm-8:00pm  
 Tuesday, June 23, 2026, 6:00pm-8:00pm  
 Tuesday, June 30, 2026, 6:00pm-8:00pm  
 Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall  
 16 Stephens Lane, Lumberton, NC  
 910-739-3717

#### **Cretaceous Cross-stitch! - Teens**

Wednesday, June 17, 2026 , 4:00pm-5:00pm  
 Robeson County Public Library  
 101 N Chestnut St  
 Lumberton, NC

#### **Music, Rhymes, and Storytime**

Thursday, June 18, 2026 , 10:30am-11:30am  
 Thursday, July 02, 2026, 10:30am-11:30am  
 Robeson County Public Library  
 101 N Chestnut St, Lumberton, NC

#### **Rob Cole**

Friday, June 19, 2026 , 7:00pm  
 Thursday, July 09, 2026, 7:00pm  
 Your Pie Pizza  
 5130 Fayetteville Road, Lumberton, NC

#### **Sudan Pirates Golf Tournament**

Friday, June 19, 2026 , 8:00am  
 Fairmont Golf Course  
 11979 Hwy, Fairmont, NC

#### **Hallucinations Prompted by Reality - RSAS**

Red Springs Artspace | Red Springs, NC  
 12:00 pm

#### **Trooper Stien Davis, Jr. Memorial 5K Run**

Saturday, June 20, 2026 , 8:00am  
 Pocket Park Historic Downtown Between Elm  
 & Chestnut Streets  
 306 North Elm Street, Lumberton, NC

### Bladen County

#### **Board of Commissioners' Meeting, Lower**

Level, Bladen County Courthouse  
 106 East Broad Street, Elizabethtown  
 Monday, June 15, 2026 , 6:30pm  
 Monday, July 20, 2026, 6:30pm  
 Monday, August 03, 2026, 6:30pm  
 Monday, August 17, 2026, 6:30pm

#### **White Lake Chamber of Commerce Breakfast, Allen Brothers Outdoors**

Tuesday, June 16, 2026 , 8:00am  
 Elizabethtown, NC

#### **Juneteenth Celebration Days**

Thursday, June 18, 2026 , 10:00am  
 361 Lewis Drive, Elizabethtown  
 Friday, June 19, 2026 , 11:00am  
 Jones Lake State Park, Elizabethtown, NC

#### **Juneteenth Parade**

Saturday, June 20, 2026 , 9:00am  
 Elizabethtown, NC

#### **CCS Summer Meals Program**

Mon, Jun 15, 2026 , 11:00am-12:00pm  
 2465 GILLESPIE ST, Fayetteville, NC  
 Free— Adults can purchase a meal for \$5.  
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 available Monday-Friday, on a first come first  
 serve basis at the following locations. Anyone  
 aged 18 or younger may receive a free meal.  
 Adults can purchase a meal for \$5. \*Locations  
 and times subject to change. June 1, 2026,  
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#### **Military HeroCon 2026**

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# Sports this week

## SATURDAY, JUNE 20

- 6:00 am FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball** Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball. (2h)
- 9:00 am WRAL WMBF Horse Racing** Royal Ascot. From Ascot Racecourse in Ascot, Windsor and Maidenhead, United Kingdom. (Live) (3h)
- 10:00 am USA 2026 U.S. Open Golf Championship** Third Round. From Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, N.Y. (Live) (2h)
- 12:00 pm WRAL WMBF 2026 U.S. Open Golf Championship** Third Round. From Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, N.Y. (Live) (8h)
- ESPN Athletes Unlimited Softball League** Athletes Unlimited Softball League. Carolina Blaze at Chicago Bandits. From Parkway Bank Sports Complex in Rosemont, Ill. (Live) (2h)
- 1:00 pm WTVD WPDE WNBA Basketball** Indiana Fever at Atlanta Dream. From State Farm Arena in Atlanta. (Live) (2h)
- WWMB NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series** United Rentals Driven to Serve 250, Qualifying. From the San Diego Street Course in San Diego. (Live) (1h)
- WFXB FIFA World Cup 2026** FIFA Soccer. Group F: Netherlands vs. Sweden. Group F. (Live) (2h)
- FDSO Overtime Select Basketball** (2h)
- 3:00 pm WTVD WPDE WNBA Basketball** Seattle Storm at Phoenix Mercury. From Mortgage Matchup Center in Phoenix. (Live) (2h)
- GOLF PGA Tour Golf** Meijer LPGA Classic, Third Round. From Blytheheld Country Club in Belmont, Mich. (Live) (3h)
- 3:30 pm ESPN Banana Ball World Tour** Banana Ball World Tour. Indianapolis Clowns vs. Savannah Bananas. From Great American Ball Park in Cincinnati. (Live) (2h)
- 4:00 pm WBTW BIG3 Basketball** BIG3 Basketball. Week 1: Los Angeles. From Intuit Dome in Inglewood, Calif. (Live) (2h)
- WFXB FIFA World Cup 2026** FIFA Soccer. Group E: Germany vs. Côte d'Ivoire. Group E. (Live) (2h)
- 5:00 pm WWMB NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series** United Rentals Driven to Serve 250. From the San Diego Street Course in San Diego. (Live) (3h)

**ESPN2 USL Championship Soccer Teams** TBA. (Live) (2h)

**7:00 pm WFXB MLB Baseball** New York Mets at Philadelphia Phillies. From Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia. (Live) (3h)

**ESPN2 Banana Ball World Tour** Banana Ball World Tour. Indianapolis Clowns vs. Savannah Bananas. From Great American Ball Park in Cincinnati. (Live) (2h)

**8:00 pm WWMB Banana Ball World Tour** Banana Ball World Tour. Party Animals vs. Texas Tailgaters. From First Horizon Park in Nashville, Tenn. (Live) (3h)

**ESPN 2026 Men's College World Series** Championship Series, Game 1: Teams TBA. From Charles Schwab Field Omaha in Omaha, Neb. (Live) (3h)

**9:00 pm ESPN2 Premier Lacrosse League** Premier Lacrosse League. Maryland Whipsnakes vs. New York Atlas. From James M. Shuart Stadium in Hempstead, N.Y. (Live) (2h)

From Hillsboro Ballpark in Hillsboro, Ore. (Live) (2h)

**1:00 pm WBTW LPGA Tour Golf** Meijer LPGA Classic, Final Round. From Blytheheld Country Club in Belmont, Mich. (Live) (3h)

**1:30 pm FDSO MLB Baseball** (3h)

**2:00 pm WFXB IndyCar Racing** XPEL Grand Prix at Road America. From Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wis. (Live) (2h30)

**2:30 pm WTVD WPDE 2026 Men's College World Series** Championship Series, Game 2: Teams TBA. From Charles Schwab Field Omaha in Omaha, Neb. (Live) (3h)

**3:00 pm ESPN Banana Ball World Tour** Banana Ball World Tour. Indianapolis Clowns vs. Savannah Bananas. From Great American Ball Park in Cincinnati. (Live) (2h)

**4:00 pm WBTW WNBA Basketball** Golden State Valkyries at Las Vegas Aces. From Michelob UL-

## MONDAY, JUNE 22

- 6:00 am FDSO Overtime Select Basketball** (2h)
- 8:00 am FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball** Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball. (2h)
- 1:00 pm WFXB FIFA World Cup 2026** FIFA Soccer. Group J: Argentina vs. Austria. From Dallas Stadium in Arlington, TX. (Live) (2h)
- 5:00 pm WFXB FIFA World Cup 2026** FIFA Soccer. Group I: France vs. Iraq. From Philadelphia Stadium in Philadelphia, PA. (Live) (2h)
- 6:00 pm FDSO Overtime Select Basketball** (2h)
- 7:00 pm ESPN 2026 Men's College World Series** Championship Series, Game 3: Teams TBA. (If necessary) (Live) (3h)
- 8:00 pm WFXB FIFA World Cup 2026** FIFA Soccer. Group I: Norway vs. Senegal. From New York/New Jersey Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. (Live) (2h)

Stadium in Houston, TX. (Live) (2h)

**4:00 pm WFXB FIFA World Cup 2026** FIFA Soccer. Group L: England vs. Ghana. From Boston Stadium in Foxboro, MA. (Live) (2h)

**7:00 pm WFXB FIFA World Cup 2026** FIFA Soccer. Group L: Panama vs. Croatia. From Toronto Stadium in Toronto, ON, Canada. (Live) (2h)

**TBS MLB Baseball** Chicago Cubs at New York Mets. From Citi Field in Flushing, N.Y. (Live) (3h)

**7:30 pm TRUTV MLB Baseball** Chicago Cubs at New York Mets. From Citi Field in Flushing, N.Y. (Live) (3h)

**8:30 pm FDSO MLB Baseball** (3h)

**10:00 pm USA WNBA Basketball** New York Liberty at Las Vegas Aces. From Michelob ULTRA Arena in Las Vegas. (Live) (2h30)

**2:00 am FDSO Pro Padel League** (2h)

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

- 3:00 pm WFXB FIFA World Cup 2026** FIFA Soccer. Group B: Switzerland vs. Canada. Group B. (Live) (2h)
- FDSO MLB Baseball** (3h)
- 6:00 pm WFXB FIFA World Cup 2026** FIFA Soccer. Group C: Scotland vs. Brazil. Group C. (Live) (2h)
- 7:30 pm USA WNBA Basketball** Phoenix Mercury at Indiana Fever. From Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. (Live) (2h30)
- 8:00 pm ESPN2 USL Championship Soccer** San Antonio FC at Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC. From Weidner Field in Colorado Springs, Colo. (Live) (2h)
- 9:00 pm WFXB FIFA World Cup 2026** FIFA Soccer. Group A: Czechia vs. Mexico. Group A. (Live) (2h)
- 10:00 pm USA WNBA Basketball** Atlanta Dream at Golden State Valkyries. From Chase Center in San Francisco. (Live) (2h30)
- 3:00 am GOLF Asian Tour Golf** Asian Tour Golf. International Series Morocco, Third Round. (2h)
- 5:00 am GOLF Asian Tour Golf** Asian Tour Golf. International Series Morocco, Final Round. (1h)

## THURSDAY, JUNE 25

- 7:00 am GOLF DP World Tour** Golf DP World Tour Golf. DS Automobiles Open d'Italia, First Round. (Live) (3h)
- 11:00 am GOLF 2026 KPMG Women's PGA Championship** First Round. From Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn. (Live) (4h)
- 3:00 pm GOLF PGA Tour Golf** Travelers Championship, First Round. From TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, Conn. (Live) (3h)
- 4:00 pm WFXB FIFA World Cup 2026** FIFA Soccer. Group E: Ecuador vs. Germany. Group E. (Live) (2h)
- 6:00 pm GOLF 2026 KPMG Women's PGA Championship** First Round. From Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn. (Live) (2h)
- 7:00 pm WFXB FIFA World Cup 2026** FIFA Soccer. Group F: Tunisia vs. Netherlands. Group F. (Live) (2h)
- ESPN Athletes Unlimited Softball League** (Live) (2h)
- 10:00 pm WFXB FIFA World Cup 2026** FIFA Soccer. Group D: Türkiye vs. USA. Group D. (Live) (2h)
- 2:00 am FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball** Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball. (2h)
- 4:00 am FDSO Overtime Select Basketball** (2h)
- 7:00 am FDSO Pro Padel League** (2h)
- GOLF DP World Tour Golf** DP World Tour Golf. DS Automobiles Open d'Italia, Second Round. (Live) (3h)
- 11:00 am GOLF 2026 KPMG Women's PGA Championship** Second Round. From Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn. (Live) (4h)
- 3:00 pm WFXB FIFA World Cup 2026** FIFA Soccer. Group I: Norway vs. France. From Boston Stadium in Foxboro, MA. (Live) (2h)
- GOLF PGA Tour Golf** Travelers Championship, Second Round. From TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, Conn. (Live) (3h)
- 4:30 pm FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Lacrosse** (2h)
- 6:00 pm GOLF 2026 KPMG Women's PGA Championship** Second Round. From Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn. (Live) (2h)
- 8:00 pm WFXB FIFA World Cup 2026** FIFA Soccer. Group H: Uruguay vs. Spain. Group H. (Live) (2h)
- ESPN2 X Games Sacramento 2026** (Live) (3h)
- TRUTV Banana Ball World Tour** Texas Tailgaters vs. Loco Beach Coconuts. From Wolff Stadium in San Antonio. (2h)
- 9:00 pm GOLF PGA Tour Championships** Golf Dick's Open, First Round. From En-Joie Golf Club in Endicott, N.Y. (2h)
- 11:00 pm WFXB FIFA World Cup 2026** FIFA Soccer. Group G: New Zealand vs. Belgium. Group G. (Live) (2h)

## FRIDAY, JUNE 26

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**11:00 pm FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball** Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball. (2h)

**12:00 am GOLF 2026 U.S. Open Golf Championship** Third Round. From Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, N.Y. (3h)

## SUNDAY, JUNE 21

**8:00 am FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Lacrosse** (2h)

**9:00 am USA 2026 U.S. Open Golf Championship** Final Round. From Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, N.Y. (3h)

**12:00 pm WRAL WMBF 2026 U.S. Open Golf Championship** Final Round. From Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, N.Y. (Live) (7h)

**WFXB FIFA World Cup 2026** FIFA Soccer. Group H: Spain vs. Saudi Arabia. Group H. (Live) (2h)

**12:30 pm ESPN Athletes Unlimited Softball League** Oklahoma City Spark at Portland Cascade.

TRA Arena in Las Vegas. (Live) (2h)

**ESPN2 Women's National Football Conference** Women's National Football Conference. WNFC IX Cup Championship: San Diego Rebellion vs. Texas Elite Spartans. From Ford Center at The Star in Frisco, Texas. (Live) (3h)

**7:00 pm WRAL WMBF MLB Baseball** New York Mets at Philadelphia Phillies. From Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia. (Live) (3h)

**8:00 pm ESPN WNBA Basketball** New York Liberty at Los Angeles Sparks. From Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles. (Live) (2h)

**ESPN2 Major League Rugby** Major League Rugby. Final: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

**11:00 pm GOLF 2026 U.S. Open Golf Championship** Final Round. From Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, N.Y. (3h)

## TUESDAY, JUNE 23

- 10:00 am FDSO Overtime Select Basketball** (2h)
- 1:00 pm WFXB FIFA World Cup 2026** FIFA Soccer. Group K: Portugal vs. Uzbekistan. From Houston

# Saturday Best Bets

## WNBA Basketball

WTVD WPDE 1:00 pm

Caitlin Clark and the Indiana Fever arrive at State Farm Arena in Atlanta, where Angel Reese and the Atlanta Dream are waiting on home court. Two of the WNBA's most talked-about teams square off in a showdown that should leave fans talking for days.



Angel Reese of the Atlanta Dream

## Jurassic Park

AMC 7:00 pm

When a billionaire builds a theme park with real dinosaurs created from prehistoric DNA, paleontologists Alan Grant (Sam Neill) and Ellie Sattler (Laura Dern) are invited to come work out the kinks. 1997's "The Lost World: Jurassic Park" airs next.

## After Earth

SVFY 3:00 pm

A crash-landing strands Gen. Cypher Raige (Will Smith) and son Kitai (Jaden Smith) on Earth, a thousand years after humanity's escape. With Cypher badly injured, Kitai must set out alone across a hostile wilderness to find a way to signal for rescue.

## Paper Moon

TCM 10:00 pm

Con man Moses Pray (Ryan O'Neal) was only supposed to drop young Addie (Tatum O'Neal) off with relatives after her mother's death. Instead, the sharp-tongued girl becomes his reluctant partner in a Depression-era Kansas hustle neither one fully controls.

## SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 20, 2026

	TW	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
5	WRAL	5	12:00 2026 U.S. Open Golf Third Round From Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, N.Y. (L) (N) (CC)							Ninja Warrior Western Regional Qualifying 2 (CC)				Dateline NBC (CC)		WRAL News	SNL
9	WMBF	9	12:00 2026 U.S. Open Golf Third Round From Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, N.Y. (L) (N) (CC)							Ninja Warrior Western Regional Qualifying 2 (CC)				Dateline NBC (CC)		News at 11	SNL
11	WTVD	11	3:00 WNBA Basketball	She's	On The Red	News (N)	World News	First Airt	Wheel	High Potential "NPC"	High Potential			High Potential		News (N)	News Extra
13	WBTV	13	BIG3 BIG3 Basketball Week 1: Los Angeles (L) (N)			News (N)	CBS-News	Wheel	Protect	To Be Announced	To Be Announced			48 Hours		News (N)	Jeopardy!
15	WPDE	10	3:00 WNBA Basketball	Paid Prog.	Memory	News (N)	World News	Donkey	Home for	High Potential "NPC"	High Potential			High Potential		News 15 (N)	Attkisson
21	WWMB	3	NASCAR (L) (N)			NASCAR O'Reilly United Rentals Driven to Serve 250 (L) (N) (CC)				Banana Ball Banana Ball World Tour Party Animals vs.	Texas Tailgaters (L) (N) (CC)			Family Feud		Two Men	
31	WUNU	12	Old House Old House	Outdoor	N.C. Wknd	TURN "Hard Boiled"	Father Brown			Midsomer Murders	Midsomer Murders			Death in Paradise (CC)		Shaped by	Southern
40	WUVC	4	El chal con Pao Sasso (N)	Lo tomas o lo dejas (N)	Contigo en	Noticiero (N)	Piensa rápido VIP			★★★ Sonic the Hedgehog ('20) James Marsden. (N)				Orillise a la orilla (N)		Contigo en	Noticiero (N)
43	WFXB	2	FIFA World Group E: Germany vs. Côte d'Ivoire (N)			Conners	The Autry			MLB Baseball New York Mets at Philadelphia Phillies (L) (N) (CC)				Fox News	Queen City	Fear Factor	
62	WFPX	8	Cold As	Cold As	★★ Held Up ('00, Com) Nia Long, Jamie Foxx. (CC)			★★★ Taken 3 (2014, Action) Forest Whitaker, Liam Neeson. (CC)		★★★ The Mechanic ('11) Jason Statham. (CC)							★ Chaos
A&E	21	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars		:05 Storage Wars	
AMC	41	★★★ Captain America: The Winter Soldier ('14) Chris Evans. (CC)				★★★ Jurassic Park (1993, Adventure) Laura Dern, Sam Neill.				★★★ The Lost World: Jurassic Park				Jeff Goldblum.			
ANPL	64	Dr. Jeff "He's Ours Now"	Dr. Jeff: RMV	Dr. Jeff: RMV	Dr. Jeff: RMV	Dr. Jeff "A Tiny Miracle"	Dr. Jeff "Lion Country"	Dr. Jeff "Close to Home"	Dr. Dee: Alaska Vet	Dr. Dee "Tis the Season"							
BET	37	2:00 ★★★ Barbershop	The Equalizer	The Equalizer "DOA"	Equalizer "Legendary"	Equalizer "Condemned"	Equalizer "The Big Take"	★★★ Jumping the Broom ('11) Angela Bassett. (CC)									
CMT	48	2:30 ★★★ Big	★★★ Grumpy Old Men ('93) Walter Matthau, Jack Lemmon. (CC)	★★★ Grumpier Old Men ('95) Jack Lemmon. (CC)	★★★ Overboard (1987, Comedy) Kurt Russell, Goldie Hawn. (CC)												
CNBC	53	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	
CNN	26	CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)	CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)	CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)	CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)	CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)	CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)	Real Time With (N) (CC)	Craig Ferguson (N)	Real Time With (CC)	Craig Fer. "Individualism"						
COMC	34	The Office	★★★ The Hangover ('09) Bradley Cooper. (CC)	:45 ★★★ The Hangover Part II ('11) Bradley Cooper. (CC)	★★★ The Hangover Part III ('13) Ed Helms, Bradley Cooper. (CC)	Movie											
CSPAN	56	3:00 Washington	Washington This Week (CC)	Washington This Week (CC)	Washington This Week (CC)	Public Affairs Events	Public Affairs Events										
DISC	42	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	
DISN	57	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	★★★ Monsters, Inc. John Goodman. :40 Kiff (CC)	:05 Kiff (CC)	Kiff (CC)	Phineas	Phineas	Ladybug	Ladybug			
E!	39	★★★ Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom ('18) Bryce Dallas Howard, Chris Pratt.				★★★ Fast X (2023, Action) Michelle Rodriguez, Vin Diesel. (CC)				★★★ Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom	Chris Pratt.						
ESPN	31	3:30 Banana Ball World Tour	ESPN Films (N) (CC)	Banana (N)	World Series (CC)	Men's CWS Championship Series, Game 1: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)				SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)							
ESPN2	32	3:30 30 for 30	USL Championship Soccer Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)	Banana Indianapolis Clowns vs. Savannah Bananas (N)	PLL Maryland Whipsnakes vs. New York Atlas (N)	SEC Storied											
FDSO	38	Warehouse Games	Warehouse Games	Warehouse Games	Warehouse Games	Warehouse Games	The Icons	FIBA World	United Fight Alliance	United Fight Alliance (N)	AU Pro Softball						
FNC	44	Fox Report (L) (N) (CC)	Weekend (L) (N)	Weekend (L) (N)	Weekend (L) (N)	Weekend (L) (N)	Life, Liberty (L) (N)	My View With (L) (N) (CC)	Saturday Night (L) (N)	Gutfeld!							
FOOD	66	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	
FREE	18	2:45 ★★★ Zootopia	:15 ★★★ Finding Nemo ('03) Albert Brooks. (CC)	:45 ★★★ Finding Dory ('16) Ellen DeGeneres. (CC)	:50 ★★★ Ratatouille ('07) Patton Oswalt. (CC)												
FX	67	3:00 ★★★ Toy Story	★★★ Toy Story 2 ('99) Tom Hanks. (CC)	★★★ Toy Story 3 ('10) Tom Hanks. (CC)	★★★ Toy Story 4 ('19) Tom Hanks. (CC)	★★★ Mrs. Doubtfire											
GOLF	45	3:00 LPGA Golf Meijer LPGA Classic, Third Round (N)	LPGA Tour Golf Meijer LPGA Classic, Third Round	Live From the U.S. Open (L) (N) (CC)	Live From the U.S. Open (CC)												
HALL	62	★ Just My Type ('20) Brett Dalton, Bethany Joy Lenz.	★ Catch of the Day ('25) Emilie Ullerup.	★ The Love Heist ('26) Peter Porte. (P)	★ The Greek Aisle ('26) Apostolis Totsikas. (CC)												
HGTV	65	Zillow	Zillow	Zillow	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	
HIST	51	The UnXplained	The UnXplained	The UnXplained	The UnXplained	The UnXplained	The UnXplained	The UnXplained	The UnXplained	The UnXplained	:05 The UnXplained	:05 The UnXplained					
LIFE	25	★ Pushed Off a Plane and Survived Eva Marcille.	★ Girl in the Closet ('23) Tami Roman, Remy Ma.	★ Don't Trust the Girls Upstairs ('26) Remy Ma. (P)	:05 ★ Tempted ('25) Samantha Neyland Trumbo. (CC)												
LMN	46	★ My Mother's Split Personalities Lindsay Hartley.	★ My Mother the Madam ('25) Gina Vitori. (CC)	★ The Secrets of the Matriarch ('26) Skye Coyne.	★ A Mother-in-Law's Obsession ('25) Christa Rose.												
MSNBC	43	The Beat: Weekend (N)	PoliticsNation (L) (N) (CC)	The Weekend: Primetime (L) (N) (CC)	Crooked on MS NOW (N)	The Rachel (CC)	The 11th Hour With (CC)										
MTV	36	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	★★★ Pitch Perfect ('12, Rom) Skylar Astin, Anna Kendrick. (CC)	★★★ Pitch Perfect 2 ('15, Mus) Rebel Wilson, Anna Kendrick. (CC)									
NEWSN	16	NewsNation Live (L) (N)	NewsNation Live (L) (N)	NewsNation Live (L) (N)	Batya (N) (CC)	NewsNation Prime (L) (N)	NewsNation Prime (L) (N)	NewsNation Prime (L) (N)	NewsNation Prime (L) (N)	NewsNation Prime (L) (N)	Batya (CC)						
NGEO	70	Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler	Catch.. "Guns Gone Wild"	Liverpool "Ecstasy" (N)	To Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler	
NICK	29	SpongeBob	★★★ Despicable Me 2 ('13) Steve Carell. (CC)	★★★ Despicable Me 3 ('17) Steve Carell. (CC)	★★★ Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	
NICKJ	71	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	
OXY	171	Philly "The Hit List"	Philly "Final Finish Line"	Philly Homicide	Philly Homicide	Philly Homicide (N)	The Killer Among Us	The Killer Among Us	The Killer Among Us	The Killer Among Us	Philly Homicide						
PARMT	27	3:30 ★★★ F9 The Fast Saga (2021, Action) Michelle Rodriguez, Vin Diesel. (CC)	★★★ Top Gun: Maverick (2022, Action) Miles Teller, Tom Cruise. (CC)	★★★ Top Gun: Maverick ('22) Tom Cruise. (CC)													
SYFY	55	3:00 ★★ After Earth	★★★ Five Nights at Freddy's ('23) Josh Hutcherson. (CC)	★ Imaginary (2024, Horror) Tom Payne, DeWanda Wise. (CC)													
TBN	68	Turning Point (CC)	Graham	Graham	Elmer Hein	Ancient	History	Your Move	Gaither Gospel Hour (N)	The Story	One Israel	Rosenberg	M. Youssef	Gaither Gospel Hour			
TBS	24	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	★★★ Superman ('25) Rachel Brosnahan, David Corenswet. (P)	:35 ★★★ Rush Hour Jackie Chan.						
TCM	54	3:45 ★★ Reflections in a Golden Eye	:45 ★★★ Bonnie and Clyde ('67) Warren Beatty.	★★★ Rear Window ('54) James Stewart.	★★★ Paper Moon ('73) Ryan O'Neal.												
TLC	23	One Day in My Body	One Day "Small Insights"	The Face Doctors	The Face Doctors	The Face "I Can't Smile"	Little "Palm Desert-ed"	Neighbor.	Most Extreme Humans								
TNT	28	3:00 ★★ Godzilla vs. Kong	★★★ I, Robot (2004, Sci-Fi) Bridget Moynahan, Will Smith. (CC)	All Elite Wrestling: Collision (L) (N) (CC)	★★★ Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire												
TOON	69	3:30 ★ Scooby-Doo & the ...	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	
TRUTV	40	2:00 ★ Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring	★ The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers	★ The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King													
TVLAND	47	Roseanne	Roseanne	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	
USA	30	9-1-1 "Awful People" (CC)	9-1-1 "Dosed" (CC)	9-1-1 "Haunted" (CC)	9-1-1 "Buck, Actually"	9-1-1 "Hen Begins" (CC)	9-1-1 "Merry Ex-Mas"	9-1-1 "Broken" (CC)	9-1-1 "Ocean's 9-1-1"								
WE	61	NCIS "Broken Bird" (CC)	NCIS "Love & War" (CC)	NCIS "Deliverance" (CC)	NCIS "Bounce" (CC)	NCIS	NCIS "Knockout" (CC)	NCIS "Hide and Seek"	NCIS "Dead Reckoning"								

# Take 5

					One of "two thumbs up"
					Storms
					"Friday Night Lights," but not "Saturday Night Live"
					"Law & _____"
					Dermatologist's concerns
					Robby, Santos or King, in "The Pitt"
					HBO dark comedy series about a disillusioned assassin
					"Oh my heavens!"
					Held another session
					Ivan and Nicholas

Use the clues above and beside the grid to fill in the squares.

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## Last meal: 'The Bear' concludes with one more sizzling season

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If you can't take the heat, get out of the kitchen. A certain acclaimed Chicago restaurateur really took that idiom to heart and now, after a yearlong wait, viewers are about to witness the fallout of that monumental decision.

The FX-produced series "The Bear" returns for its fifth and final season Thursday, June 25, on Hulu and Disney+. All eight episodes of the Emmy-winning comedy's upcoming season will be available to stream on premiere day.

The last season of "The Bear" saw Carmy Berzatto (Jeremy Allen White, "Shameless") reach his limit after the weight of four seasons of mounting stress from the restaurant opening, trauma from the exacting demands of his past in haute cuisine and strained, grief-laden re-

lationships with his family finally broke his passion and drive to keep The Bear afloat.

Now the fate of the restaurant rests on the shoulders of Carmy's partners. Sydney Adamu (Ayo Edebiri, "After the Hunt," 2025) ultimately accepted a change to the partnership agreement that freed Carmy from his responsibilities and included Richie Jerimovich (Ebon Moss-Bachrach, "The Fantastic Four: First Steps," 2025), along with Natalie "Sugar" Berzatto (Abby Elliott, "All Her Fault"), as a literal ticking clock counted down the seconds they had left to become profitable or close their doors. After everything the two chefs had gone through to open The Bear and bring their vision to life, Carmy has stepped away the moment his and Sydney's project passed the proof test.

The new season picks the story

back up the morning after last season's finale and, per FX, "with no money, the threat of a sale and a torrential storm in their way, the new partners must band together with the rest of the team to achieve one last service, hoping they'll finally earn a Michelin star." Ultimately, they learn that what makes a restaurant "perfect" might not be the food, but the people.

Also starring this season are Lionel Boyce ("Project Hail Mary," 2026) as pastry chef Marcus Brooks; Liza Colon-Zayas ("In Treatment") as sous chef Tina Marrero; Matty Matheson ("Born to Lose," 2026) and Ricky Staffieri ("This Is Us") as brothers Neil and Ted Fak, employees of The Bear; Oliver Platt ("Chicago Med") as Uncle Jimmy, the main financial backer of The Bear; Will Poulter ("Dopesick") as Marcus' mentor, chef Luca; and Jamie Lee Curtis ("Scarpetta") as



Abby Elliott in "The Bear"

Carmy's estranged mother, Donna.

While doing press for his portrayal of music legend Bruce Springsteen in the 2025 biopic "Springsteen: Deliver Me From Nowhere," White spoke to Variety about the show last November, shortly before Season 5 started production. White reflected on the connection he feels to Carmy and the story of "The Bear," having a different relationship to the show than he had experienced in previous ensemble work.

"There were some years on 'Shameless' where I felt more connected to Phillip Gallagher and there were some years I didn't. I feel really connected to Carmy and I feel really connected to [The Bear' creator] Christopher Storer [Ramy] in a way that probably just due to my age I didn't feel with [Shameless' showrunner] John Wells always," White explained.

"Those were very separate things, kind of the story coming at me as an 18-year-old and a 19-year-

old, versus the story coming at me from Chris, who I really consider a friend and a peer."

Storer created "The Bear" and serves as executive producer of the series alongside Josh Senior ("Small Town, Big Story"), Cooper Wehde ("Bo Burnham: Inside," 2021), Tyson Bidner ("Best Medicine"), Hiro Murai ("Widow's Bay"), Rene Gube ("Crazy Ex-Girlfriend") and Mathe- son. Culinary producer for the show is Courtney Storer (sister to Christopher), owner of the catering company Coco's To Go.

For those who haven't gotten caught up in the whirlwind of "The Bear" and missed out on tuning in so far, it is a satisfyingly stressful watch that highlights the passion of people who aspire to careers in restaurants from fine dining to humble diners. The series begins as, following the death of his older brother Mikey Berzatto (Jon Bernthal, "His & Hers"), Carmy inherits his Italian beef sandwich shop and he uses his

experience in Michelin-starred restaurants to bring his own vision to life.

A surprise drop of a special episode in May broadened the understanding of Mikey's character, whose death touched everyone in "The Bear," directly or indirectly. The episode, titled "Gary," is a flashback to a work trip that Mikey and Richie take to Indiana.

"Intimate and revealing, it illuminates the two friends' complicated relationship, uncovering new layers of Mikey's mental state while offering crucial insight into the man Richie is when audiences first meet him in Season 1 — adding emotional context that reframes their story from the very beginning," says FX.

Catch the fifth and final season premiere of "The Bear" when it drops on Hulu and Disney+ Thursday, June 25. All eight episodes will be available to stream on premiere day.

# Sunday Best Bets

## 2026 U.S. Open Golf Championship

WRAL WMBF 12:00 pm

The U.S. Open comes down to its final round at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, N.Y. One of golf's most demanding and historic venues will sort the contenders from the champion as the year's second major reaches its defining conclusion.

## The Karate Kid

WWMB 7:00 pm

After moving to California, Daniel (Ralph Macchio) becomes the target of Cobra Kai bullies. He finds an unlikely mentor in Mr. Miyagi (Pat Morita), who trains him in karate. This prepares Daniel to face his rivals at the All-Valley Karate Tournament.



## Father of the Bride

TCM 8:00 pm

Stan Banks (Spencer Tracy) quietly unravels as daughter Kay (Elizabeth Taylor) plans her wedding to Buckley Dunstan (Don Taylor). The expenses, the logistics and the painful realization that his little girl has grown up are all more than he bargained for.

## The Way Home

HALL 9:00 pm

Endings and new beginnings arrive for the Landry family across generations as the pond delivers its latest surprises. Andie MacDowell, Chyler Leigh, Evan Williams and Sadie Laflamme-Snow star in the series finale of this beloved multi-generational drama.

## SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 21, 2026

	TW	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
5	WRAL	5	12:00	2026 U.S. Open Golf Championship Final Round (L) (N) (CC)				MLB Baseball New York Mets at Philadelphia Phillies (L) (N) (CC)				Password		WRAL News	GameTime		
9	WMBF	9	12:00	2026 U.S. Open Golf Championship Final Round (L) (N) (CC)				MLB Baseball New York Mets at Philadelphia Phillies (L) (N) (CC)				Password		News at 11	:35 TBA		
11	WTVD	11	2:30	2026 Men's College World Series		ABC11 Eye	News (N)	World News	Videos (N)		Movie			News (N)	News Extra		
13	WBTV	13	Basketball	Golden State Valkyries at Las Vegas Aces	CBS-News	News (N)	60 Minutes (N) (CC)	Marshals	"Piya Wiconi"	Tracker	"The Field Trip"	Marshals	News (N)	Paid Prog.			
15	WPDE	10	2:30	2026 Men's College World Series		Hearts of	News (N)	World News	Videos (N)		Movie			News 15 (N)	:35 In Touch		
21	WWMB	3	Family Feud	Family Feud	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	WOW - Women	*** The Karate Kid (1984, Drama) Pat Morita, Ralph Macchio. (P) (CC)		The	The Right Side	Forum	Hurricane				
31	WUNU	12	Issues	State Lines	Week	Hoover (N)	Midsomer Murders (CC)	Patience (N)	Grantchester (N) (CC)	Downton Abbey (CC)	Local Programming						
40	WUVC	4	*** Journey 2: The Mysterious Island	Contigo	Noticiero (N)	La rosa de Guadalupe (N)	Garra vs. Veneno: Guerreros mundiales (N)	Cómplices "Catarsis" (N)	Contigo	SaborDe							
43	WFXB	2	2:00	IndyCar	Conners	9-1-1 "First Responders"	The Autry	Sports	The Quiz With Balls	Simpsons	Animal	American Dad! (N)	News (N)	Lately	Son of God	Big Bang	
62	WFPX	8	S.W.A.T. "Los Huesos"	S.W.A.T. "Encore" (CC)	*** Fatherhood ('21, Com.-Dra) Alfre Woodard, Kevin Hart. (CC)	*** Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son ('11) Martin Lawrence.	*** Taking of Pelham 123										
A&E	21	WWE Rivals	WWE Rivals	WWE Rivals	WWE Rivals	UFC Rivals	UFC Rivals	WWE LFG (N)	:05 WWE's	:35 WWE's							
AMC	41	2:45 *** The Mummy	Brendan Fraser.	*** Gladiator (2000, History) Joaquin Phoenix, Russell Crowe. (CC)	Lestat "Toronto"	:15 The Vampire Lestat "Toronto" (CC) Movie											
ANPL	64	Yellowstone Wardens	Yellowstone Wardens	Yellowstone Wardens	Wardens "Open Season"	Yellowstone Wardens	Wardens in Full Force"	Yellowstone Wardens	Cracking on Down Anglers"								
BET	37	*** Fatherhood (2021, Comedy Drama) Alfre Woodard, Kevin Hart. (CC)	*** Guess Who (2005, Comedy) Ashton Kutcher, Bernie Mac. (CC)	*** Johnson Family Vacation													
CMT	48	:15 To Be Announced	:45 *** Tommy Boy ('95, Comedy) David Spade, Chris Farley. (CC)	To Be Announced	Mama's												
CNBC	53	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)							
CNN	26	CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)	CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)	CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)	CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)	CNN Special Program	This Land (N)	This Land (N)	CNN Special Program								
COMC	34	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
CSPAN	56	:20 Washington This Week (CC)	America's Book Club	Washington This Week	Q & A (CC)	America's Book Club	Prime Min.	:40 Public	Q & A (N)								
DISC	42	Naked and Afr. "Bow Up or Bow Out"	Naked and Afr. "Cracking	Under the Pressure" (N)	Naked and Afr. "A Raft of Trouble" (N) (CC)	In the Eye of (N)	In the Eye of										
DISN	57	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City
E!	39	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met
ESPN	31	3:00	Banana Ball	ESPN Films (CC)	ESPN Films (CC)	WNBA Countdown (L) (N)	Basketball	New York Liberty at Los Angeles Sparks (N)	SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)	SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)							
ESPN2	32	WNFC WNFC IX Cup Championship: San Diego Rebellion vs. Texas Elite Spartans	ESPN Films (CC)	Major League Rugby	Major League Rugby Final: Teams TBA (L) (N)	Peyton's	ESPN FC (L) (N) (CC)										
FDSO	38	1:30	Baseball	Braves Live! Postgame (L) (N)	Sportsman	Road Trip	Warehouse Games (N)	Warehouse Games (N)	Warehouse Games (N)	Warehouse Games (N)							
FNC	44	Fox Report (L) (N) (CC)	Weekend (L) (N)	Weekend (L) (N)	Weekend (L) (N)	Life, Liberty (L) (N)	Sunday Night (L) (N) (CC)	One Nation With (L) (N)	Life, Liberty & Levin								
FOOD	66	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	100 Cooks "71 Cooks Remain, Part 1"	100 Cooks "65 Cooks To Go" (N) (CC)	Chopped Castaways							
FREE	18	Movie	:40 *** The Incredibles ('04) Craig T. Nelson. (CC)	:20 *** Incredibles 2 ('18, Ani) Voices of Holly Hunter, Craig T. Nelson. (CC)	*** The Lion King ('94) Matthew Broderick. (CC)												
FX	67	*** The Avengers (2012, Action) Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr.. (CC)	*** Avengers: Endgame	*** Ford v Ferrari													
GOLF	45	Golf Acad.	Golf Acad.	GOLF Films	GOLF Films	Live From the U.S. Open (L) (N) (CC)	Live From the U.S. Open (CC)	U.S. Open Final Round (N)									
HALL	62	3:00	All's Fair in Love &...	*** Missing the Boat ('26) Emilie Ullerup.	*** The Love Heist ('26) Lyndsy Fonseca, Peter Porte.	Way Home "Ahead by a Century" (N)	:35 *** Savoring Paris	Bethany Joy Lenz.									
HGTV	65	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Renovation Island (N)	Crashers	Hunters (N)	Hunters	Hunters							
HIST	51	Built America	Hazardous History	Hazardous History	Hazardous History	Hazardous History	Hazardous History (N)	:05 Built America	:05 Built America								
LIFE	25	*** Thou Shall Not Commit Adultery	Erica Campbell.	*** The Jealous Bride ('26) Amber Stevens West. (CC)	*** My Husband's Mistress	Raylene Harewood. (P)	:05 *** Don't Trust the Girls	Upstairs ('26) Remy Ma.									
LMN	46	*** Trapped by My Father's Killer ('20) Lindy Booth.	*** To Kill a Stepfather ('23) Alex Camacho.	*** Who Killed Our Father? ('23) Kirsten Comerford.	*** Stolen by Their Father ('22) Sarah Drew.												
MSNBC	43	Deadline (L) (N) (CC)	PoliticsNation (L) (N) (CC)	The Weekend: Primetime (L) (N) (CC)													
MTV	36	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang
NEWSN	16	The Hill Sunday With	NewsNation Live (L) (N)	NewsNation Live (L) (N)	NewsNation Live (L) (N)	NewsNation Prime (L) (N)	NewsNation Prime (L) (N)	NewsNation Prime (L) (N)	NewsNation Prime (L) (N)	NewsNation Prime (L) (N)	NewsNation Prime (L) (N)	NewsNation Prime (L) (N)	NewsNation Prime (L) (N)				
NGEO	70	:20	Secrets "Asia" (CC)	:10	Secrets-Octo	Secrets "Masterminds"	Secrets of the Octopus	Secrets "The Hive"	:05	Secrets of the Bees	:10	Cheetahs Up (CC)	:10	Dolphins Up (CC)			
NICK	29	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	*** Despicable Me 3 ('17) Steve Carell. (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)
NICKJ	71	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	"Best of Sea Patrol" (CC)	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol
OXY	171	Snapped "Judith Nix"	Snapped "Lisa Boldridge"	Snapped: Killer (N)	The Killer Among Us (N)	Snapped "Falicia Blakely"	Snapped: Killer Couples	The Killer Among Us	The Killer Among Us								
PARMT	27	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue				
SYFY	55	3:00	*** Imaginary	DeWanda Wise.	*** The Exorcist ('73, Horror) Linda Blair, Ellen Burstyn. (CC)	*** The Exorcist: Believer ('23) Lidya Jewett, Leslie Odom Jr.. (CC)	*** The Day After Tomorrow										
TBN	68	Turning	Prince (N)	M. Youssef	Tim (N)	Jackson (N)	Joyce M. (N)	Hagee	PowerPoint	J. Osteen (N)	Turning	Healing	Elmer Hein	Jack Hibbs	Amazing	Joel Osteen	Bone Broth
TBS	24	Movie	*** Rush Hour 3 ('07) Chris Tucker, Jackie Chan. (CC)	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang
TCM	54	3:30	*** Courtship of Eddie's Father	:45	*** Life With Father ('47) Irene Dunne, William Powell.	*** Father of the Bride	:45	*** To Kill a Mockingbird ('62) Gregory Peck.									
TLC	23	90 Day Diaries	90 Day Diaries	90 Day Fiancé	"When Two Worlds Collide, Part 1" (N)	90 Day Fiancé	"The Ball and Chain" (N)	:05	90 Day Diaries (N)	:05	Welcome to						
TNT	28	:15	*** Dune: Part Two (2024, Sci-Fi) Zendaya, Timothée Chalamet. (CC)	:45	*** Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire ('24) Rebecca Hall.	:15	*** Dune ('21) Timothée Chalamet. (CC)										
TOON	69	Ben 10 (CC)	Ben 10 (CC)	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers
TRUTV	40	*** The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers															
TVLAND	47	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	30	Law-SVU "Streetwise"	Law-SVU "Shattered"	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law-SVU "Man Up"	Law-SVU "Man Down"	Law & Order: SVU							
WE	61	Criminal Minds	Criminal "25 to Life"	Criminal "Corazon"	Criminal Minds	Criminal "Sense Memory"	Criminal "Today I Do"	Criminal Minds "Coda"	Criminal "Valhalla"								

## WEEKDAY DAYTIME, JUNE 22 TO 26, 2026

	TW	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	
5	WRAL	5	7:00 Today	Today 3rd Hour		Today With Jenna & Sheinelle		The Perfect Line	Family Feud	WRAL News at Noon	WRAL 12:30 Report	NBC News Daily		The Kelly Clarkson Show		Family Feud	Inside Edition	
9	WMBF	9	7:00 Today	Today 3rd Hour		Today With Jenna & Sheinelle		Grand	Th Legal Access	WMBF News	InvestigateTV+	NBC News Daily		Aging Untold	Inside Edition	Drew Barrymore	Drew Barrymore	
11	WTVD	11	7:00 Good Morning America	Live with Kelly and Mark		ABC 11 Eyewitness News 10AM		The View		ABC 11 Eyewitness News at Noon		GMA3		Tamron Hall		General Hospital		
13	WBTW	13	7:00 CBS Mornings	News 13 Now	Living Local Carolina	Let's Make a Deal		The Price Is Right		News	The Young and the Restless		The Bold and	Beyond the Gates		The Perfect Line	Jeopardy!	
15	WPDE	10	7:00 Good Morning America	Live with Kelly and Mark		The 700 Club		The View		Family Feud	Flip Side	GMA3		General Hospital		The Kelly Clarkson Show		
21	WWMB	3	The National News Desk		National Weat	25 Words or Less	Maury		iCRIME - Vargas	iCRIME - Vargas	Hot Bench	Paid Prog./ Hot Bench	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Cutlers Court	Cutlers Court	The People's Court	
31	WUNU	12	Lyla in the Loop	Carl/Tu Xavier	Daniel Tiger	Phoebe & Jay	Sesame Street	Work It Out Wombats!	Donkey Hodie	Rosie's Rules	Elinor	Alma's Way	Molly of Denali	Xavier Riddle	Various	Various	Various	Sara's/ Old House/ Fit S..
40	WUVC	4	7:00 ¡Despierta América!							Como dice el dicho		Noticiero Univision	Vecinos	¡Siéntese quien pueda!		Desiguales		
43	WFXB	2	7:00 Fox Morning News		Carolina AM		Sherri		Live PD Presents	Live PD Presents	FIFA World/ Scrambled	W-F News	Various	W-F Judge Lauren Lake	FIFA World/ Judge	Th Judge Eboni	M Tu FIFA/W FIFA World/Th FIFA World/ FIFA World	
62	WFPX	8	Karamo		Couples Court	Couples Court	Couples Court	Paternity Court	Paternity Court	Paternity Court	Family Feud Favorites	Family Feud Favorites	In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night	
A&E	21	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	
AMC	41	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Various				W Jurassic Park III	Fool's Gold/ :45 Gladiator	M Ghostbusters / F :15 The Equalizer 2		W Jurassic Park		Tu Knives Out	M Footloose	F Gone in 60 Seconds / Th :15 The Equalizer		
ANPL	64	Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		
BET	37	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Matters	Matters	Matters	Matters	Matters	Matters	Browns	Browns	
CMT	48	CMT Music/ Videos		Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	King	King	King	King	
CNBC	53	6:00 Squawk Box			Squawk on the Street				Halftime Report			The Exchange		Power Lunch		Closing Bell		
CNN	26	CNN News Central			CNN News Central			The Situation Room		The Situation Room			Ins. Politics		CNN News Central		CNN News Central	
COMC	34	South Park	South Park	South Park	SouthPark/ :35 South Pa..	SouthPark/ :10 South Pa..	SouthPark/ :45 South Pa..	SouthPark/ :15 South Pa..	SouthPark/ :50 South Pa..	M Th South Park	:25 SouthPark/ ..	South Park	South Park	Seinfeld/ South Park	Seinfeld/ South Park	Seinfeld/ Family Guy/..	Seinfeld/ Family Guy/..	
CSPAN	56	Washington	Washington	F U.S. House		LiveFrom F :40 U.S. House of Representatives		Various		M Live From Tu-Th U.S. House/ F :20 U.S. House		M F Live From The Nation's Ca / Tu-Th U.S. House		Various		Th Caught!		
DISC	42	M Louisiana/Tu Myth/W Expedition/Th Contraband		Various		M Louisiana/Tu Myth/W Expedition/Th Contraband		Various		Various		Th Caught!		Various		Th Caught!		
DISN	57	Iron Man	Bluey	Bluey	Sofia	Mickey	Bluey	Various	Bluey/ Stitch	Stitch	Stitch	Ladybug	Ladybug	Various	BigCity	Phineas	Various	
E!	39	Various	W Khloé	Various	W Khloé	Various	W Khloé	TwoMen	TwoMen	TwoMen	Various	TwoMen	TwoMen	TwoMen	TwoMen	TwoMen	TwoMen	
ESPN	31	Get Up				First Take				The Pat McAfee Show				SportsCenter		NBA Today		
ESPN2	32	SportsCenter		ESPN FC		Get Up				First Take				Various		SportsCenter		
FDSO	38	Softball/ Life/ Warehouse	Tu FIBA World	Carolina/ TBA/ Redfern	Pulse/Pack/ Great	Warehouse/ OT Select/ ..	Th Road Trip Angler	Spotlight/ Sportsman	Focused/ Outdoor	Various	FIBAWorld/ Carolina/ G..	Foul Territory				Various	M F Pulse of the Pack	
FNC	44	FOX and Friends		America's Newsroom		America's Newsroom		The Faulkner Focus		Outnumbered		America Reports		America Reports		The Story		
FOOD	66	Various	M Pioneer	Various	M Pioneer	Various		Various		Various	F Diners	Various	F Diners	Various	F Diners	Various	F Diners	
FREE	18	Boy/World	Boy/World	M-W 700 Club/700 Club		700 Club		Movie/ Jim	Jim	Movie	Movie	F Dumbo	Movie	Movie	Turning Red/ Night at the Museum: Ba...	Anyone But You		
FX	67	Movie	Movie	Movie		Movie		Tu Bride Wars / W X-Men		F Black Widow		Movie		X-Men: Days of Future Past/ Avengers:...		Various		
GOLF	45	5 Clubs/ 5 Clubs/ Smylie	GolfToday/ Big Swing/ Va..		5 Clubs/ Range/ Golf		Various		W Central	M 2026 U.S. Open Golf / Tu Golf Central		M Golf Today		ThF PGA Golf		W Central		
HALL	62	Reba	Reba	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	Gilmore Girls		Gilmore Girls		Gilmore Girls		Movies				
HGTV	65	Various		Various		Various		Various		Various	F Cheap A\$\$	Various	F Cheap A\$\$	Various	F Cheap A\$\$	Various	F Mexico	
HIST	51	Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		
LIFE	25	Movies				Movies				The Rookie / F NCIS				The Rookie / F NCIS		Castle / F NCIS		
LMN	46	Movies				Movies				Movies				Movies				
MSNBC	43	6:00 Morning Joe		Money, Power, Politics With Stephanie Ruhle				MS NOW Reports		On the Line With Alicia Menendez				The Moment With Katy Tur				
MTV	36	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	BigBang	
NEWSN	16	Morning in America		NewsNation		NewsNation		NewsNation		NewsNation		NewsNation		NewsNation		NewsNation		
NGEO	70	PaidProg.	Paid Prog.	Various	W Border	Various	W Border	Various	W Border	Various	W Border	Various	W Border	Various	W Border	Various	W Border	
NICK	29	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PeppaPig	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Mr.Crocod	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Rubble	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Smurfs	Various	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	
NICKJ	71	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Gabby's	Gabby's	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Rubble	Rubble	Mr. Crocod	PAW Patrol	
OXY	171	Various		Various		Various		M Evil/Tu Cold/F Plan-Kill		Various		Various		Various		Various		
PARMT	27	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		
SYFY	55	F NCIS: Los Angeles	The Exorcist: Believer	Insidious/ Edward Sci...	W Pacific Rim			M Exorcist II: The Heretic		Insidious: Chapter 2/ Pompeii/ Harry Potter & ...		W 2012		Spider-Man: Homecomi...	Tu Insidious: Chapter 3 / M Insidious		F Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets	
TBN	68	Jeffress	Joyce M.	Creflo	Hagee	Joel Osteen	Jackson	S. Furtick	Kingdom	Potter & Jeffress	Winning	Joyce M.	Better Together		A.Wommack	The 700 Club		
TBS	24	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
TCM	54	:15 An American ...	:45 The Man Who Knew...	Vengeance Valley	Th Catalina Caper	F :15 Mad Love	Valley of the Kings	Th All Ashore	Stranger on the Third Fl...	M The Valley of Gwangi	Rome Adventure/ Northwest Passage/ Gidget/ :45 The Maltese Falcon	Tarzan & the Valley of G...		The Roman Spring of .....	W Comrade X	:45 The Valley of D...		
TLC	23	Mod Fam		Various		Tu Pregnant		Various		Various		Various		Various		Jay & Pa./ 90 Day/ 90 Day		
TNT	28	M Charmed / Th F FBI	M Charmed / Th F FBI	M Cold Case / Th F FBI		M Cold Case / Th F FBI		M Cold Case / Th F FBI		M Cold Case / Th F FBI		ColdCase/ The Lord of the..		ColdCase/ Aquaman & th..		Cold Case/ The Lord of t...		
TOON	69	Teen/ Teen	Teen/ Teen	:05 Tom	Tom	Looney	Scooby	Scooby	Scooby-Doo	Scooby-Doo	Craig/ Craig	Teen/ Teen	Teen/ Teen	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	
TRUTV	40	Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	
TVLAND	47	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		Gunsmoke		Gunsmoke		Gunsmoke		Gunsmoke		
USA	30	Various		Law-SVU/ Chicago/ Chica..		Law-SVU/ Chicago/ Chica..		Law-SVU/ Chicago/ Chica..		Law-SVU/ Chicago/ Chica..		Law-SVU/ 9-1-1/ Chicago		Law-SVU/ 9-1-1/ Chicago		Law-SVU/ 9-1-1/ Chicago		
WE	61	Paid Prog.		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		9-1-1/ S.W.A.T./ NCIS		Various		

# Stars on screen

## Recurring gig: Tony Shalhoub joins 'Einstein'

By Michelle Rose  
TV Media

**Recurring gig:** A mini "Monk" reunion is playing out at CBS — but only behind the scenes of the network's upcoming series "Einstein" and not in front of any cameras.

An Emmy winner for both his role in "Monk" and his "dad" role as Abe Weissman in "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel," Tony Shalhoub is now set to recur in the new CBS series, in which he'll play the father (first name: Jack) of lead character Lewis Einstein (Matthew Gray Gubler, "Criminal Minds").

Lewis is Albert Einstein's brilliant but directionless great-grandson — meaning Jack (Shalhoub) is the genius's grandson — who "spends his days as a comfortably tenured professor until his bad boy antics land him in trouble with the law," according to the logline. Lewis is soon pressed into service, helping police detective Teri (Melissa Fumero, "Brooklyn Nine-Nine") solve her most puzzling cases and ultimately finding direction and purpose along the way. Aunjanue Ellis-Taylor ("King Richard," 2021) plays their superior, Capt. Frost.

So, why the talk of "Monk"? The casting move effectively reunites Shalhoub with "Monk" creator Andy Breckman and executive producer Randy Zisk — both of whom are serving as executive producers for "Einstein," so it marks a creative reteaming of people who are already familiar with each other's talents and creative processes.

This is only a recurring role for Shalhoub, who hasn't taken on a lot of roles since "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" wrapped the same year "Mr. Monk's Last Case: A Monk Movie" (2023) landed on Peacock.

He appeared in the 2025 film "Play Dirty" and in the recent MGM+ series "American Classic." Shalhoub will next be seen in the indie comedy "Bolio: Spirit of the Mustang," which he also produced.

As for "Einstein," which has been described as a police/detective procedural with comedic undertones, CBS's adaptation of a German TV movie was originally supposed to have premiered last season. Instead, the network opted to delay production by one year, deeming its 2025-26 slate too crowded. The delay prompted Rosa Salazar ("Play Dirty," 2025) to (amicably) step down as the female lead (originally named Veronica "Ronni" Paris), and Fumero was then tapped to replace her. "Einstein" is now slated for 2026-27, though it doesn't have an actual debut date yet — all we know is that it's being held for a midseason premiere.

**More 'Fallout':** Two recurring "Fallout" cast members have had their roles upped for Season 3, and so has the series' star power.

Annabel O'Hagan ("Rent Free," 2024), who plays Steph Harper, and Dave Register ("FBI"), who plays Chet, have both been upped to series regulars for the upcoming season.

It was also announced that multi-Emmy winner Aaron Paul, best known for playing Jesse Pinkman in AMC's "Breaking Bad," has boarded the Prime Video dystopia for Season 3. Details about his character or total screen time have so far been kept under wraps. But it's interesting to note that Paul previously worked with executive producers Jonathan Nolan and Lisa Joy: the pair who co-created the HBO sci-fi Western series "Westworld," which brought in Paul in the third season as a series regu-



Tony Shalhoub to star in "Einstein"

lar and, reportedly, all three were eager to reunite creatively.

One of Prime Video's most-watched series with more than 100 million views across the first two seasons, the video game-based "Fallout" tells the story of haves and have-nots in a post-apocalyptic world, where denizens of fallout shelters venture into the wasteland of 2296 only to find a complex, often violent landscape. The series stars Ella Purnell ("Yellowjackets"), Aaron Moten ("Disjointed"), Walton Goggins ("The Hateful Eight," 2015) and Kyle MacLachlan ("Twin Peaks").

Filming on Season 3 got underway last month, with fans speculating it will premiere mid 2027.

**'Highway' to reboot:** Another classic series is being revived, and this time, it's "Highway to Heaven" that's getting a second chance.

Airing on NBC from 1984 to

1989, the fantasy drama starred Michael Landon ("Bonanza"), who also created the original series, alongside his former "Little House on the Prairie" co-star Victor French. This new iteration will similarly focus on an earthbound angel (played by Landon in the original) who travels across America helping those in need — except it will air on Fox sometime during the 2027-28 season.

Emmy-winning writer Jason Katims ("Friday Night Lights") has been tapped to serve as showrunner. "I'm excited by the challenge of putting a contemporary lens on this classic tale," Katims said in a statement. "The idea of telling a very grounded, human story about an angel feels immediately emotional to me — and fun. I love going outside my comfort zone to tell a tale about someone trying to do better as an angel than he did as a man."

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# ▶ STREAMING THIS WEEK

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## WHAT'S NEW ON NETFLIX

### "Avatar: The Last Airbender" - Season 2

The war against the Fire Nation is far from over as Season 2 of "Avatar: The Last Airbender" arrives Thursday, June 25, on Netflix. After a bittersweet victory saving the Northern Water Tribe from the invading Fire Nation, Avatar Aang (Gordon Cormier, "Lost in Space"), Katara (Kiawentiio, "It: Welcome to Derry") and Sokka's (Ian Ousley, "13 Reasons Why") next mission takes them deep into Earth Kingdom territory, where they must persuade a reclusive Earth King (Justin Chien, "The Season") to join the fight against the fearsome Fire Lord Ozai (Daniel Dae Kim, "Hawaii Five-0"). "But the most dangerous enemies of all may be those unseen, for soon Avatar and his friends will learn that nothing is as it seems in a city of walls and secrets" (per Netflix). Based on the animated series "Avatar: The Last Airbender," the new season of this live-action adaptation sees the return of showrunner Albert Kim ("Percy Jackson and the Olympians"), writer Audrey Wong Kennedy ("Amazing Stories") and director Jabbar Raisani ("Iron Man," 2008).



Miya Cech in "Avatar: The Last Airbender"

## WHAT'S NEW ON PRIME VIDEO

### "See You at Work Tomorrow!"

An adaptation of the hit Kakao Webtoon, the Korean limited series "See You at Work Tomorrow!" is set to arrive Monday, June 22, on Prime Video. From "The Sound of Your Heart" producer Hyunwoo Thomas Kim, this series stars Seo In-guk ("The Master's Sun") and Park Ji-hyun ("Gonjiam: Haunted Asylum," 2018) as colleagues whose lives slowly collide inside a demanding corporate world. Ji-hyun plays Cha Ji-yoon, a seventh-year product planner who is burned out at her job and has sworn off dating anyone after a painful breakup. But when she meets Kang Si-woo (In-

guk), the team leader and the last person at the office anyone wants to deal with, she finds herself getting closer to him than she ever planned.

## WHAT'S NEW ON HULU

### "Where Pretty Girls Die" (2025)

A group of college students find out "Where Pretty Girls Die" when director Christine Conradt's ("As Luck Would Have It," 2021) 2025 crime thriller lands Thursday, June 25, on Hulu. When a criminology student (Kim Sandwich, "Arca," 2021) and her true-crime club investigate a four-year-old disappearance in rural Georgia, they discover it's tied to a string of disappearances that are the work of a

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## WHAT'S NEW ON PARAMOUNT+

### "The Agency" - Season 2

The highly anticipated sophomore season of "The Agency" premieres Sunday, June 21, on Paramount+, with all 10 episodes dropping at once. Michael Fassbender ("X-Men: First Class," 2011) returns as Martian, a covert CIA agent caught between his hazardous undercover assignments and a dangerous international conspiracy. This season will continue following Martian as Samia (Jodie Turner-Smith, "Anne Boleyn"), his lover, is held captive in Sudan. Martian will do anything to try to save her — even things past the point of treachery. "The only way out is deeper in, which is a knife-edge Martian must walk if he is to save love, life and his mission" (per Deadline). The series also stars Jeffrey Wright ("The French Dispatch," 2021), Katherine Waterston ("Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," 2016) and Richard Gere ("Pretty Woman," 1990).

## WHAT'S NEW ON SHUDDER

### "Forbidden Fruits" (2026)

Directed by Meredith Alloway ("Deep Tissue," 2019), "Forbidden Fruits" casts its spell Friday, June 26, when it begins streaming on Shudder. Free Eden employee Apple (Lili Reinhart, "Riverdale") secretly runs a witchy femme cult in the basement of the mall store after hours alongside her best friends Cherry (Victoria Pedretti, "You") and Fig (Alexandra Shipp, "Barbie," 2023). But when new hire Pumpkin (Lola Tung, "The Summer I Turned Pretty") joins their cult, she begins challenging their sisterhood and the women are forced to face their own poisons — or succumb to a bloody fate. Emma Chamberlain ("Dave"), Jordan Duarte ("Mayor of Kingstown"), Zack Thompson ("Gen V"), Jacqueline Byers ("Prey for the Devil," 2022) and Austin Ball ("Devil in Disguise: John Wayne Gacy") also star.

sadistic serial killer who has been hiding in plain sight. But after being lured into a deadly trap, they must outwit a predator before becoming his next victims. Written by Margaret Cole ("The Past Is Never Buried," 2026), the film also stars Dillon Peyerk ("Euphoria"), Kylie Delre ("Here's the Thing") and Ben VanderMey ("Fight Night: The Million Dollar Heist").

## WHAT'S NEW ON DISNEY+

### "Avatar: Fire and Ash" (2025)

Return to the breathtaking world of Pandora when "Avatar: Fire and Ash" begins streaming Wednesday, June 24, on Disney+. This third chapter follows Marine-turned-Na'vi leader Jake Sully (Sam Worthington, "Clash of the Titans," 2010) as he and his wife, Neytiri (Zoe Saldana, "Guardians of the Galaxy," 2014), grieve the death of their eldest son, Neteyam (James Flatters, "Black Dog," 2023), after he was shot and killed by Lyle Wainfleet (Matt Gerald, "Yellowstone") in 2022's "Avatar: The Way of Water." Now, "Fire and Ash" follows the Sullys as they set out to prevent another death from occurring, this time aided by the Wind Traders. But along the way, they're attacked by the Ash People, who are seeking revenge for their ravaged home. Acclaimed filmmaker James Cameron ("Titanic," 1997) returns to direct this next chapter in the Avatar franchise, with Sigourney Weaver ("Alien," 1979), Stephen Lang ("Don't Breathe," 2016) and Oona Chaplin ("Game of Thrones") rounding out the cast.



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**Video**

**The Last Showgirl**

Shelly Gardner (Anderson) is a veteran Las Vegas showgirl whose life is thrown into uncertainty when the long-running revue she has performed in for decades is scheduled to close. As younger performers move on to new opportunities, Shelly struggles to imagine a future beyond the stage. Facing financial insecurity and the loss of the only career she has ever known, she is forced to confront difficult truths about aging, identity and the sacrifices she made for her profession. At the same time, she attempts to reconnect with her estranged daughter, Hannah (Lourd), whose resentment over the years of neglect exposes the personal cost of Shelly's devotion to show business.

Director: *Gia Coppola*. Stars: *Pamela Anderson, Kiernan Shipka, Brenda Song, Billie Lourd, Dave Bautista, Jamie Lee Curtis*. 2024. 89 min. Drama.

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# Tuesday Best Bets

## 2026 NBA Draft

WTVD WPDE ESPN 8:00 pm

From the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y., NBA teams step up to select players who could reshape their franchises. This year's draft sees the next wave of professional talent begin their journey towards making their mark in the sport of basketball.

## The Sting

TCM 8:00 pm

After a mutual friend (Robert Earl Jones) is murdered by crime boss Lonnegan (Robert Shaw), a young grifter (Robert Redford) recruits a veteran con man (Paul Newman) to exact revenge through the most intricate and deeply satisfying swindle of the 1930s.



Keke Palmer hosts "Password"

## Password

WRAL WMBF 10:00 pm

Jimmy Fallon and Keke Palmer are back for an all-new season of this iconic game show revival. Across three rounds, players take turns trying to guess a "password" based on their teammate's clues. The winning guessers earn a shot at \$25,000.

## WNBA Basketball

usa 10:00 pm

Breanna Stewart and the New York Liberty bring their championship pedigree to Michelob ULTRA Arena, where A'ja Wilson and the Las Vegas Aces are ready on their home floor. Two of the WNBA's most decorated teams square off in a marquee matchup.

## TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 23, 2026

	TW	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
5	WRAL	5	WRAL News at 4PM (N)	WRAL News	News (N)	WRAL News	NBC News	WRAL News	Inside (N)	America's Got Talent "Auditions 4" (N) (CC)	Password (N)	WRAL News	:35 J. Fallon				
9	WMBF	9	WMBF News at 4 (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	NBC News	WMBF News	Inside (N)	America's Got Talent "Auditions 4" (N) (CC)	Password (N)	News at 11	:35 J. Fallon				
11	WTVD	11	11 Eyewitness News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel	2026 NBA Draft (L) (N) (CC)	NCIS	News (N)	:35 J. Kimmel				
13	WBTW	13	News 13 First (N) (CC)	News (N)	WBTW News	News (N)	CBS-News	Wheel	Jeopardy!	NCIS	NCIS: Origins	NCIS "Turkey Shoot"	News (N)	:35 Comics			
15	WPDE	10	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	ABC15 News at 5 (N) (CC)	News (N)	World News	News (N)	ET (N)	2026 NBA Draft (L) (N) (CC)	News 15 (N)	:35 J. Kimmel					
21	WWMB	3	Tribunal	Tribunal	Mauri	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	WWE NXT (L) (N)	National Desk (N)	National Desk (N)					
31	WUNU	12	Roots "Great Migrations"	Best	BBC World	PBS News Hour (N) (CC)	Side	N.C. Wknd	Finding Your Roots	Lucy W "The Break Up"	Frontline (N)	Movie	Amanpour				
40	WUVC	4	El gordo y la flaca (L) (N)	Primer impacto (L) (N)	Noticias (N)	Noticiero (N)	La rosa de Guadalupe (N)	Tan cerca de ti, nac (N)	Guardián de mi vida (N)	Hermanas, un amor (N)	Noticias 40						
43	WFXB	2	FIFA World Cup 2026 Group L: England vs. Ghana (N)	FIFA (L) (N)	FIFA World Group L: Panama vs. Croatia (N)	FIFA (L) (N)	FIFA World Group L: Panama vs. Croatia (N)	FIFA (L) (N)	FIFA (L) (N)	Fox News	:35 Not,News	Mod Fam	Goldbergs				
62	WFPX	8	Escape Plan (13) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sylvester Stallone.	Escape Plan 2: Hades (18) Sylvester Stallone.	Escape Plan: The Extractors Sylvester Stallone.	Armed Response Wesley Snipes.											
A&E	21	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Squatters	Squatters	:05 Squatters	:35 Squatters	
AMC	41	2:00	Knives Out	Jurassic Park III (01) Sam Neill. (CC)	Jurassic Park (1993, Adventure) Laura Dern, Sam Neill.	The Lost World: Jurassic Park Jeff Goldblum.											
ANPL	64	Louisiana Law	Louisiana Law	Louisiana Law	Louisiana Law	Louisiana Law	Louisiana Law	Louisiana "Storm Surge"	Louisiana "Felon Hunter"	Louisiana "Fowl Play"	Louisiana Law						
BET	37	Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	Celebrity Family Feud	Celebrity Family Feud	Celebrity Family Feud	Celebrity Family Feud	Martin (CC)	Martin (CC)	Martin (CC)	Martin (CC)				
CMT	48	King	King	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls
CNBC	53	Closing Bell (L) (N) (CC)	Fast Money (L) (N) (CC)	Mad Money (N) (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank "Episode 10"	Shark Tank (CC)						
CNN	26	The Arena (L) (N)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	E. B. OutFront (L) (N) (CC)	Cooper 360 (L) (N)	The Source With (L) (N)	CNN NewsNight (L) (N)	Laura Coates Live (L) (N)								
COMC	34	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Daily Show	FamilyGuy
CSPAN	56	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)	C-SPAN Primetime (CC)	C-SPAN Primetime (CC)											
DISC	42	Homestead Rescue "Where the Buffalo Own" (CC)	Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue (N)	Homestead Rescue "Uphill Battle" (CC)	Homestead "Poisoned"										
DISN	57	Big City	Big City	Big City	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	Big City	Big City	Phineas	Phineas	Vampirina	Phineas	Phineas	Kiff (CC)	Ladybug	Ladybug	
E!	39	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met
ESPN	31	3:00	NBA Today (L) (N)	NBA Today (L) (N) (CC)	SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)	2026 NBA Draft (CC)	2026 NBA Draft (L) (N) (CC)	2026 NBA Draft (L) (N) (CC)	Banana Indianapolis Clowns vs. Savannah Bananas	Welcome to the NHL	E60	SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)					
ESPN2	32	Welcome to the NHL	SportCtr (N)	Pardon (N)	Chiney (N)	Pardon (N)	ESPN Films (CC)	Banana Indianapolis Clowns vs. Savannah Bananas	Welcome to the NHL	E60							
FDSO	38	Offroad	Redfern	FIBA World	Pulse/Pack	Carolina	To Be Announced	MLB Baseball	TBA								
FNC	44	Will Cain (L) (N)	The Five (L) (N) (CC)	With Bret Baier (L) (N)	Ingraham (L) (N)	Jesse Watters (L) (N) (CC)	Hannity (L) (N) (CC)	Gutfeld! (N) (CC)	Fox News at Night (L) (N)								
FOOD	66	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped Castaways	Chopped Castaways (N)	Chopped	Chopped "Eggsauce Me"								
FREE	18	1:15	Wreck-It Ralph (12) John C. Reilly. (CC)	Ralph Breaks the Internet (18) John C. Reilly. (CC)	Up (09) Ed Asner. (CC)	The 700 Club (CC)											
FX	67	3:00	Anyone But You	No Hard Feelings (23) Jennifer Lawrence. (CC)	It Ends With Us (2024, Romance) Justin Baldoni, Blake Lively. (CC)	It Ends With Us (24) Blake Lively. (CC)											
GOLF	45	Golf Central (CC)	PGA	Golf	Golf Central (CC)	Next Shot	Next Shot	Korn Ferry	U.S. Open Highlights	U.S. Open Highlights	Golf Central (CC)	U.S. Open					
HALL	62	A Season to Blossom (26) Carlo Marks. (CC)	The Perfect Pairing (22) Nazneen Contractor. (CC)	Marry Go Round (22) Amanda Schull. (CC)	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls									
HGTV	65	Renovation Aloha	Renovation Aloha	Battle on the Beach (CC)	Love It "Level It Out"	Love It or List It	Castle Impossible (N)	House (N)	House Hunt	House Hunt	House						
HIST	51	Skinwalker "All Fired Up"	Skinwalker "Flying High"	Skinwalker Ranch	Skinwalker Ranch	Skinwalker Ranch	Skinwalker Ranch (N)	Skinwalker	:35 The Proof Is (N)	:35 Proof							
LIFE	25	Castle "Castle, P.I." (CC)	Castle	Castle "I, Witness" (CC)	Castle "Resurrection"	Castle "Reckoning" (CC)	Castle "The Wrong Stuff"	:05 Castle	:05 Castle								
LMN	46	Taken in Plain Sight (24) Tennille Read.	Nobody Dumps My Daughter (24) Ana Ortiz.	If I Go Missing (24) Emma Elle Paterson. (CC)	The Killer I Picked Up (24) Patrice Goodman. (CC)												
MSNBC	43	Deadline: White House (L) (N) (CC)	The Beat With (L) (N) (CC)	The Weeknight (L) (N)	All in With Chr. (L) (N)	The Briefing (L) (N) (CC)	Last Word (L) (N)	The 11th (L) (N)									
MTV	36	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	
NEWSN	16	NewsNation (L) (N) (CC)	NewsNation (L) (N) (CC)	The Hill with Blake (N)	Vargas Report (N) (CC)	Cuomo (N) (CC)	On Balance (N) (CC)	Katie Pavlich (N) (CC)	Jesse Weber Live (N) (CC)								
NGEO	70	Northwoods Survival	Northwoods Survival	Northwoods Survival	Northwoods Survival	Northwoods Survival	Northwoods Survival (N)	Life Below Zero	Port Protection Alaska								
NICK	29	Movie	Sing (16) Matthew McConaughey. (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)
NICKJ	71	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Mr. Crocod	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol
OXY	171	Philly Homicide	Dateline: Unforgettable	Dateline: Secrets "The Hands of a Killer" (CC)	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
PARMT	27	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	The Departed (2006, Thriller) Matt Damon, Leonardo DiCaprio. (CC)	The Dark Knight (08, Act) Heath Ledger, Christian Bale.												
SYFY	55	2012 (2009, Action) Chiwetel Ejiofor, John Cusack. (CC)	Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom (18) Bryce Dallas Howard, Chris Pratt.	Pacific Rim Charlie Hunnam.													
TBN	68	Turning	S. Furtick (N)	Harvest	Prince	Graham	Kirk Today	Allen (N)	Stakelbeck	Praise (N)	Joyce M. (N)	One Israel	Together	Stakelbeck	Praise (N)		
TBS	24	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Leadoff (N)	MLB Baseball	Chicago Cubs at New York Mets (L) (N) (CC)	MLB Close	The Office	The Office	The Office				
TCM	54	1:15	Where the Boys Are (60) Dolores Hart.	Palm Springs Weekend Troy Donahue.	The Sting (73) Paul Newman.	Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid											
TLC	23	Jay & Pamela	Jay & Pa. "Sweet & Salty"	Baylen Out Loud	Baylen Out Loud	Baylen Out Loud (N)	Baylen Out Loud (N)	Little "Mirage a Trois"									
TNT	28	1:00	Lord of the Rings: ...	The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (02, Fan) Ian McKellen, Elijah Wood. (CC)	The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (03) Ian McKellen, Elijah Wood.												
TOON	69	Regular	Regular	Grim	Grim	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy
TRUTV	40	Imp. Jokers	Bend It Like Beckham (02) Parminder Nagra. (CC)	Leadoff (N)	MLB Baseball	Chicago Cubs at New York Mets (L) (N) (CC)	MLB Close	Moneyball									
TVLAND	47	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith
USA	30	Law-SVU "Authority"	Law-SVU "Trials"	Law-SVU "Swing"	Law-SVU "Retro"	Law-SVU "Wildlife"	Law-SVU "Persona"	Basketball	New York Liberty at Las Vegas Aces (L) (N)								
WE	61	S.W.A.T. "Gut Punch"	Criminal Minds	Criminal "Psychodrama"	Criminal "The Aftermath"	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal "Empty Planet"	Criminal "The Last Word"								

# Wednesday Best Bets

## WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 24, 2026

	TW	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
5	WRAL	5	WRAL News at 4PM (N)	WRAL News	News (N)	WRAL News	NBC News	WRAL News	Inside (N)	Brilliant Minds (N)	Chicago "Carry a Torch"	Chicago P.D.	WRAL News	:35 J. Fallon			
9	WMBF	9	WMBF News at 4 (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	NBC News	WMBF News	Inside (N)	Brilliant Minds (N)	Chicago "Carry a Torch"	Chicago P.D.	News at 11	:35 J. Fallon			
11	WTVD	11	11 Eyewitness News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel	Celebrity Wheel (CC)	Shifting	Shifting	News (N)	:35 J. Kimmel			
13	WBTW	13	News 13 First (N) (CC)	News (N)	WBTW News	News (N)	CBS-News	Wheel	Jeopardy!	Harlan "Gambler's Debt"	NCIS "Gone Girls" (CC)	NCIS "South of Nowhere"	News (N)	:35 Comics			
15	WPDE	10	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	ABC15 News at 5 (N) (CC)	News (N)	World News	News (N)	ET (N)	Celebrity Wheel (CC)	Shifting	Shifting	News 15 (N)	:35 J. Kimmel			
21	WWMB	3	Tribunal	Tribunal	Mauri	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Police 24/7	Law & Order Toronto	National Desk (N)	National Desk (N)				
31	WUNU	12	Antiques Roadshow	Side	BBC World	PBS News Hour (N) (CC)	MotorWeek	Sci NC (CC)	Nature	NOVA	The "Tidal Territory" (N)	Amanpour (N)					
40	WUVC	4	El gordo y la flaca (L) (N)	Primer impacto (L) (N)	Noticias (N)	Noticiero (N)	Rosa "Renuncia de amor"	Tan cerca de ti, nac (N)	Guardián de mi vida (N)	Hermanas, un amor (N)	Noticias 40	:35 Noticiero					
43	WFXB	2	3:00 FIFA World	FIFA (L) (N)	FIFA World Cup 2026	Group C: Scotland vs. Brazil (N)	FIFA (L) (N)	FIFA World Group A: Czechia vs. Mexico (N)	Mod Fam	Goldbergs							
62	WFPX	8	S.W.A.T. "U-Turn" (CC)	S.W.A.T.	S.W.A.T. "Reckoning"	S.W.A.T. "Local Heroes"	S.W.A.T. "Lockdown"	S.W.A.T. "Whistleblower"	S.W.A.T. "Veritas Vincit"	S.W.A.T. "Vagabundo"							
A&E	21	Arrest	Arrest	Arrest	Arrest	Arrest	Arrest	Arrest	Arrest	Arrest	Arrest	Arrest (N)	Arrest (N)	Swamp (N)	Swamp (N)	:05 Arrest	:35 Arrest
AMC	41	*** The Lost World: Jurassic Park ('97, Adv)	Julianne Moore, Jeff Goldblum.	*** Gladiator (2000, History)	Joaquin Phoenix, Russell Crowe. (CC)	*** Goodfellas	Robert De Niro.										
ANPL	64	My Cat "Lucifer the Cat"	My Cat From Hell	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	"No Gear, No Fear"	Naked and Afraid	"Bro, Hold My Fear" (N)								
BET	37	Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	Love & Hip Hop Miami	Hip Hop "Namaste Mad"	Hip Hop "Mic Drop" (N)	Tyler Perry's The Oval (N)	American Gangster (N)	OG Stories	The Oval					
CMT	48	King	King	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls
CNBC	53	Closing Bell (L) (N) (CC)	Fast Money (L) (N) (CC)	Mad Money (L) (N) (CC)	Mad Money (L) (N) (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	American Greed	American Greed							
CNN	26	The Arena (L) (N)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	E. B. OutFront (L) (N) (CC)	Cooper 360 (L) (N)	The Source With (L) (N)	CNN NewsNight (L) (N)	Laura Coates Live (L) (N)							
COMC	34	South Park	South Park	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Daily Show	FamilyGuy
CSPAN	56	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)	C-SPAN Primetime (CC)										
DISC	42	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition (SP) (N)	:10 Blind Frog Ran. (N)	:10 Expedition Unknown						
DISN	57	Big City	Big City	Big City	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	Big City	Big City	Phineas	Phineas	Place	Phineas	Phineas	Kiff (CC)	Ladybug	Ladybug	
E!	39	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met
ESPN	31	NFL Live (L) (N) (CC)	SportCtr (N)	Pardon (N)	SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	2026 NBA Draft (L) (N) (CC)	USL Championship Soccer									
ESPN2	32	NBA Today (N) (CC)	NFL Live (N) (CC)	Pardon (N)	Game (N)	Lies (N)	Lies	USL Championship Soccer									
FDSO	38	3:00 MLB Baseball	FIBA World	To Be Announced	Programming to be announced.												
FNC	44	Will Cain (L) (N)	The Five (L) (N) (CC)	With Bret Baier (L) (N)	Ingraham (L) (N)	Jesse Watters (L) (N) (CC)	Hannity (L) (N) (CC)	Gutfeld! (N) (CC)									
FOOD	66	Grocery "DDD Seafood"	Grocery "Friend or Foe"	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Beat Bobby Flay (N)	100 Cooks									
FREE	18	:15 *** Cruella (2021, Comedy)	Emma Thompson, Emma Stone. (CC)	:25 *** Sweet Home Alabama ('02)	Reese Witherspoon. (CC)	Million Dollar Nanni (N)	The 700 Club (CC)										
FX	67	:30 *** X-Men: Days of Fu...	*** Mission: Impossible -- Fallout (2018, Action)	Henry Cavill, Tom Cruise.	*** Bad Boys: Ride or Die ('24)	Will Smith. (CC)	*** Bad Boys: Ride or Die										
GOLF	45	3:30 Central	Good Golf	Good Golf	Good Golf	West Point (N) (CC)	The Smylie Show (CC)	Vanity Index Podcast	Golf Central (CC)	The Smylie Show (CC)	Vanity						
HALL	62	*** An Unexpected Valentine ('25)	Lacey Chabert.	*** Lost in Paradise ('26)	Ian Harding, Lacey Chabert.	*** The Love Heist ('26)	Lyndsy Fonseca, Peter Porte.	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls
HGTV	65	100 Day Dream Home	100 Day Dream Home	100 Day Dream Home	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Hunters (N)	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters
HIST	51	Pickers "Back Road Buys"	Pickers "Country Queen"	Alone	Alone (N)	Alone "Worlds Collide: Part 2" (N)	:05 Forged in Fire										
LIFE	25	Castle "Sleeper" (CC)	Castle "In Plane Sight"	Rizzoli & Isles	Rizzoli "All for One"	Rizzoli "Cold as Ice"	Rizzoli & Isles	:05 Rizzoli & Isles	:05 Rizzoli & Isles								
LMN	46	*** Don't Scream, It's Me ('24)	Kaylah Zander. (CC)	*** What Would You Kill For? ('25)	Rayisa Kondracki.	*** No One Believed Me ('25)	Meghan Carrasquillo.	*** Trust Her if You Dare ('25)	Jennings Rice. (CC)								
MSNBC	43	Deadline: White House (L) (N) (CC)	The Beat With (L) (N) (CC)	The Weeknight (L) (N)	All in With Chr. (L) (N)	The Briefing (L) (N) (CC)	*** Last Word (L) (N)	The 11th (L) (N)									
MTV	36	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office
NEWSN	16	NewsNation (L) (N) (CC)	NewsNation (L) (N) (CC)	The Hill with Blake (N)	Vargas Report (N) (CC)	Cuomo (N) (CC)	On Balance (N) (CC)	Katie Pavlich (N) (CC)	Jesse Weber Live (N) (CC)								
NGEO	70	To Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler
NICK	29	2:30 *** Sing	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)
NICKJ	71	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Mr. Crocod	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Mr. Crocod	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig
OXY	171	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets	Uncovered	"Deadly Swap" (CC)	Dateline: Secrets	"The Devil Wore White" (N) (CC)									
PARMT	27	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	*** The Dark Knight (2008, Action)	Heath Ledger, Christian Bale.	*** The Dark Knight Rises ('12)	Christian Bale. (CC)										
SYFY	55	*** Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom ('18)	Bryce Dallas Howard, Chris Pratt.	*** Spider-Man: Homecoming (2017, Action)	Michael Keaton, Tom Holland.	*** Spider-Man: Homecoming	Tom Holland.										
TBN	68	Turning	S. Furtick (N)	Harvest (N)	Prince	Graham	Kirk Today	Allen (N)	Stakelbeck	Praise (N)	Harvest (N)	M. Youssef	Turning	Stakelbeck	Praise (N)		
TBS	24	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (L) (N) (CC)	To Be Announced	The Office	The Office					
TCM	54	Movie	*** The Citadel ('38)	Robert Donat.	*** Street Scene	Sylvia Sidney.	*** The Andromeda Strain ('71)	Arthur Hill.	:15 *** On the Beach ('59)	Gregory Peck.							
TLC	23	Dangerously Obese	The Face Doctors	The Face Doctors	Most Extreme Humans	Most Extreme Humans	Most Ext. (N)	The Face Doctors (N)	The Face "I Can't Smile"								
TNT	28	3:00 *** The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King ('03)	Ian McKellen, Elijah Wood.	*** Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom ('23)	Jason Momoa. (CC)	*** Aquaman ('18)	Jason Momoa. (CC)										
TOON	69	Regular	Regular	Grim	Grim	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy
TRUTV	40	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	*** Moneyball (2011, Drama)	Jonah Hill, Brad Pitt. (CC)	When Soccer Came (CC)	*** Cinderella Man					
TVLAND	47	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
USA	30	9-1-1 "Capsized" (CC)	9-1-1	9-1-1	9-1-1	WNBA Pre.	WNBA Basketball	Phoenix Mercury at Indiana Fever (L) (N)	Basketball Atlanta Dream at Golden State Valkyries								
WE	61	NCIS "Aliyah" (CC)	NCIS	NCIS "Reunion" (CC)	NCIS	NCIS "The Inside Man"	NCIS	NCIS "Code of Conduct"	NCIS	NCIS "Endgame" (CC)							

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# Real talk

## 'All American' revisited: Hurlong special looks at 'All American' impact ahead of final season debut

By **Caroline Collacutt**  
TV Media

**'All American' revisited:** After eight seasons and nearly 150 episodes, it's time to say goodbye. Before the premiere of "All American's" final season, celebrate the characters, creators and viewers who brought the story to life with "All American: The Final Season Special," airing Monday, June 22, on The CW.

With Season 8 set to make its debut Monday, July 13, fans of this groundbreaking coming-of-age sto-

ry are preparing themselves to say goodbye to the likes of Jordan (Michael Evans Behling, "The Queen's Jewels," 2025), Layla (Greta Onieogou, "Fever Pitch," 2005), Coop (Bre-Z, "Empire"), Cassius (Osy Ikhile, "Citadel"), KJ (Nathaniel Logan McIntyre, "Michael," 2026), Khalil (Antonio J. Bell, "Dare Me"), Amina (Alexis Chikaeze, "Miss June-teenth," 2020) and Preach (Kareem J. Grimes, "Love the Skin You're In," 2025). And while there's still more story left to tell — with 13 episodes remaining — it's safe to say there's plenty to reflect on, too, as this com-

ing-of-age drama saw its characters grow and change drastically from season to season.

According to a press release, "The tribute will look back at the show's most memorable moments, relationships and milestones, honoring the legacy of a series that has resonated with audiences and redefined the modern sports drama."

Focusing on the three pillars at the heart of "All American" — football, family and friendship — the special will also reflect on the game-changing events of Season 7, which saw Jordan and the others balanc-



Michael Evans Behling features in "All American: The Final Season Special"

# Extreme Sudoku

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Solution on page 19

ing their individual dreams with family dramas and relationship woes. It's also likely to delve into what comes next for these hopeful athletes, as Season 8 picks up only six months after the end of Season 7.

A synopsis for the series' final season shared that the upcoming episodes will "span just one week in our favorite Beverly and Crenshaw crew's life."

It's "[a] week that will have them wondering if everything they've been through over the course of their lives has prepared them for this moment. A week that will ultimately reunite old with the new, friend with enemy, and alter the course of each of their futures forever," Deadline describes, hinting at more potential trips down memory lane.

Revisit the past and contemplate the future when "All American: The Final Season Special" airs Monday, June 22, on The CW.

**Music to your ears:** Get a front-row seat for one of country music's biggest events as "CMA Fest presented by SoFi" — a three-hour concert event featuring memorable performances, exclusive collaborations and "must-see surpris-

es" (per ABC) from country music superstars — airs Thursday, June 25, on ABC before streaming on Hulu the following day.

Hosted by singer Riley Green ("you look like you love me") and "Good Morning America's" Lara Spencer, this epic event was filmed during the 53rd CMA Fest, which took place in downtown Nashville, Tennessee, earlier this month, from June 4-7. Drawing in tens of thousands of daily visitors every year, this one-of-a-kind music celebration draws in fans from across the world.

"CMA Fest is more than a festival — it's a celebration of the connection between artists and fans, featuring hundreds of performances and collaborations across multiple stages, once-in-a-lifetime moments, and the vibrant energy of Nashville, all fueling something bigger than the event itself," the Country Music Association explains.

This year, the concert series saw performances from the likes of Lainey Wilson ("Hang Tight Honey"), Luke Bryan ("Country Song Came On"), Cody Johnson ("Dirt Cheap"), Ella Langley ("weren't for the wind"), Tim McGraw ("Live Like You Were Dying"), Shaboozey ("Last of My Kind"), Bailey Zimmerman

("Holy Smokes"), The Red Clay Strays ("No One Else Like Me"), Zach Top ("Sounds Like the Radio") and Keith Urban ("Straight Line"), with highlights, headliners and more shared in this televised presentation.

During last year's broadcast, ABC featured performances from Trace Adkins ("Honky Tonk Badonkadonk"), Kelsea Ballerini ("Baggage"), Scott McCreery ("Five More Minutes"), Rascal Flatts ("Life Is A Highway") and countless others — including collaborative performances between Adkins and Blake Shelton ("Hillbilly Bone"), Brandon Lake ("Hard Fought Hallelujah") and Jelly Roll ("Wild Ones"), Brooks & Dunn ("Play Something Country") and Marcus King ("Delilah") and more — packing three days of nonstop entertainment into one three-hour special, and leaving viewers to assume that this year's presentation will be just as jam-packed.

"With hundreds of performances across multiple stages, special fan experiences and memorable moments around every corner" (per the Country Music Association), the 2026 "CMA Fest presented by SoFi" airs Thursday, June 25, on ABC, before streaming the next day on Hulu.

# Thursday Best Bets

## CMA Fest

WTVD WPDE 8:00 pm

Country music's biggest names descend on Nashville, Tenn., for a night of electrifying performances from some of the genre's most celebrated and fastest-rising artists, including Jason Aldean, Jelly Roll, Trace Adkins and Blake Shelton.



Dick Van Dyke stars in "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang"

## Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

TCM 8:00 pm

This film follows inventor Caractacus Potts (Dick Van Dyke), who rebuilds an old racing car into the magical Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. With his children and Truly Scrumptious (Sally Ann Howes), he travels to Bulgaria to rescue his father (Lionel Jeffries).

## The Bear

Fx 9:00 pm

Carmy (Jeremy Allen White) quit and left The Bear to Sydney (Ayo Edebiri), Richie (Ebon Moss-Bachrach) and Sugar (Abby Elliott). With no money, a threatened sale and a raging storm, they push for one final perfect service in this Season 5 premiere.

## FIFA Soccer

WFXB 10:00 pm

Broadcasting live from SoFi Stadium, Turkey and the U.S. square off in a Group D encounter at the 2026 FIFA World Cup. Home-soil pressure, tournament positioning and two battle-ready squads with everything to prove make this a very compelling showdown.

## THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 25, 2026

	TW	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
5	WRAL	5	WRAL News at 4PM (N)	WRAL News	News (N)	WRAL News	NBC News	WRAL News	Inside (N)	Surviving Earth (N)	The Americas (N)	Law & Order: SVU	WRAL News	:35 J. Fallon				
9	WMBF	9	WMBF News at 4 (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	NBC News	WMBF News	Inside (N)	Surviving Earth (N)	The Americas (N)	Law & Order: SVU	News at 11	:35 J. Fallon				
11	WTVD	11	11 Eyewitness News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel	CMA Fest (N) (CC)			News (N)	:35 J. Kimmel				
13	WBTW	13	News 13 First (N) (CC)	News (N)	WBTW News	News (N)	CBS-News	Wheel	Jeopardy!	Georgeje	Ghosts (CC)	Matlock	Elsbeth "Good Grief" (CC)	News (N)	:35 Comics			
15	WPDE	10	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	ABC15 News at 5 (N) (CC)	News (N)	World News	News (N)	ET (N)	CMA Fest (N) (CC)			News 15 (N)	:35 J. Kimmel				
21	WWMB	3	Tribunal	Tribunal	Maurly	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Scrabble (N)		Trivial Pursuit (N)	National Desk (N)	National Desk (N)				
31	WUNU	12	Sewing	Quilting	Compass (N)	BBC World	PBS News Hour (N) (CC)	Key	My Home N..	Best	Sci NC (CC)	N.C. Wknd	Reel South	Shaped by	Amanpour (N)			
40	WUVC	4	El gordo y la flaca (L) (N)	Primer impacto (L) (N)	Noticias (N)	Noticiero (N)	La rosa de Guadalupe (N)	Tan cerca de ti, nac (N)	Guardián de mi vida (N)	Hermanas, un amor (N)				Noticias 40	:35 Noticiero			
43	WFXB	2	FIFA World Group E: Ecuador vs. Germany (N)		FIFA (L) (N)		FIFA World Group F: Tunisia vs. Netherlands (N)		FIFA (L) (N)					FIFA World FIFA Soccer Group D: Türkiye vs. USA (N)				
62	WFPX	8	*** Held Up ('00, Com) Nia Long, Jamie Foxx. (CC)		*** Taxi ('04, Com) Jimmy Fallon, Queen Latifah. (CC)		*** The Rundown ('03) Dwayne Johnson. (CC)		*** The Taking of Pelham 123									
A&E	21	The First 48 "Shot Caller"	The First 48	First 48 "Back Street"	The First 48	First "Complex Terror" (N)	Interrogation Raw (N)	Killer Investigations (N)	:05 The First 48									
AMC	41	3:15 *** The Equalizer ('14) Denzel Washington.	:15 *** The Equalizer 2 (2018, Action) Pedro Pascal, Denzel Washington. (CC)	TNA iMPACT! (L) (N) (CC)	*** Gone in 60 Seconds													
ANPL	64	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	Monsters "Piranha"	Monsters "Alligator Gar"	
BET	37	Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	Celebrity Family Feud	Celebrity Family Feud	Celebrity Family Feud	Celebrity Family Feud	Celebrity Family Feud	Celebrity Family Feud	Celebrity Family Feud	Celebrity Family Feud	Celebrity Family Feud	Celebrity Family Feud	*** Booty Call (1997, Comedy) Tommy Davidson, Jamie Foxx. (CC)		
CMT	48	King	King	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	
CNBC	53	Closing Bell (L) (N) (CC)	Fast Money (L) (N) (CC)	Mad Money (N) (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	
CNN	26	The Arena (L) (N)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	E. B. OutFront (L) (N) (CC)	Cooper 360 (L) (N)	The Source With (L) (N)	CNN NewsNight (L) (N)	Laura Coates Live (L) (N)									
COMC	34	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	:35 Office	:10 Office	:45 Office	:20 The Office (CC)	:55 Office	The Office	Family Guy	Family Guy			
CSPAN	56	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)		U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)		C-SPAN Primetime (CC)		C-SPAN Primetime (CC)										
DISC	42	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	In the Eye of	In the Eye of	In the Eye of	In the Eye of	In the Eye of	In the Eye of	In the Eye of	In the Eye of	In the Eye of	In the Eye of	In the Eye of	In the Eye of	
DISN	57	Big City	Big City	Austin	Austin	Austin	Austin	Austin	Austin	*** Teen Beach Movie	Ross Lynch.	:45 *** Teen Beach 2 ('15) Ross Lynch. (CC)	:40 Austin					
E!	39	3:00 *** The School of Rock	*** Shallow	Hal (2001, Romance) Jack Black, Gwyneth Paltrow.	*** The School of Rock ('03) Joan Cusack, Jack Black. (CC)	*** Ferris Bueller's Day Off												
ESPN	31	NFL Live (L) (N) (CC)	SportCtr (N)	Pardon (N)	SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)	Athletes Unlimited Softball League (L) (N) (CC)	Fútbol Americas (L) (N)	WWE Night (N) (CC)	SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)									
ESPN2	32	NBA Today (N) (CC)	NFL Live (N) (CC)	Welcome to the NHL	ESPN Films Fab Five (CC)	30 for 30 One and Not Done (CC)	NFL Live (CC)											
FDSO	38	3:00 To Be Announced		Golf Life	Pre-Game	:15 To Be Announced	Programming to be announced.											
FNC	44	Will Cain (L) (N)	The Five (L) (N) (CC)	With Bret Baier (L) (N)	Ingraham (L) (N)	Jesse Watters (L) (N) (CC)	Hannity (L) (N) (CC)	Gutfeld! (N) (CC)	Fox News at Night (L) (N)									
FOOD	66	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	
FREE	18	2:30 *** Night at the Muse...	*** Lilo & Stitch ('02) Daveigh Chase. (CC)	*** Toy Story ('95) Tom Hanks. (CC)	:55 *** Toy Story 2 ('99) Tom Hanks. (CC)	The 700 Club (CC)												
FX	67	1:30 *** Avengers: Infinity ...	*** Endgame	The Bear (N)	The Bear (N)	*** The Wolverine ('13) Hugh Jackman. (CC)												
GOLF	45	3:00 PGA Golf Travelers Championship, First Round (N)	Women's PGA Champ. First Round (L) (N) (CC)	Golf Central (L) (N) (CC)	PGA Tour Golf Travelers Championship, First Round (CC)													
HALL	62	*** The Birthday Wish ('17) Jessy Schram.	*** The Love Heist ('26) Lyndsy Fonseca, Peter Porte.	Aurora Teagarden Mysteries "Real Murders" (CC)	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls				
HGTV	65	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House				
HIST	51	Secrets "Dark Science"	Secrets "Secret Units"	Secrets Declassified	Secrets Declassified	Secrets Declassified	Secrets Declassified	Secrets Declassified	Secrets Declassified	Secrets Declassified	Secrets Declassified	Secrets Declassified	Secrets Declassified	Secrets Declassified				
LIFE	25	Castle	Castle "XY" (CC)	NCIS "Call of Silence" (N)	NCIS (N)	NCIS (N)	NCIS (N)	NCIS (N)	NCIS (N)	NCIS (N)	NCIS (N)	NCIS (N)	NCIS (N)	NCIS (N)				
LMN	46	*** The Art of Passion ('22) Katie Reese. (CC)	*** Infidelity Can Be Fatal ('23) Lanie McAuley. (CC)	*** Thou Shall Not Commit	Adultery (P)	*** I'll Never Let You Go ('25) Meagan Good. (CC)												
MSNBC	43	Deadline: White House (L) (N) (CC)	The Beat With (L) (N) (CC)	The Weeknight (L) (N)	All in With Chr. (L) (N)	The Briefing (L) (N) (CC)	Last Word (L) (N)	The 11th (L) (N)										
MTV	36	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous				
NEWSN	16	NewsNation (L) (N) (CC)	NewsNation (L) (N) (CC)	The Hill with Blake (N)	Vargas Report (N) (CC)	Cuomo (N) (CC)	On Balance (N) (CC)	Katie Pavlich (N) (CC)	Jesse Weber Live (N) (CC)									
NGEO	70	Mysteries of Ancient	Mysteries of Ancient	Mysteries of Ancient	Mysteries of Ancient	Mysteries of Ancient	Mysteries of Ancient	Mysteries of Ancient	Mysteries of Ancient	Mysteries of Ancient	Mysteries of Ancient	Mysteries of Ancient	Mysteries of Ancient	Mysteries of Ancient				
NICK	29	Patrick Star	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Sonic the Hedgehog ('20, Fam) Jim Carrey, James Marsden.	Friends (CC)	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang				
NICKJ	71	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Mr. Crocod	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol				
OXY	171	Dateline: Unforgettable	"Plot Twist" (CC)	Unforgettable "Deadly Entanglement" (CC)	Unforgettable "Secrets of the Snake Farm" (N) (CC)	Dateline "The Sting"	Dateline: Unforgettable											
PARMT	27	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	*** Men in Black (1997, Action) Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones.	*** Men in Black II ('02) Tommy Lee Jones.	*** Men in Black 3 ('12) Will Smith.												
SYFY	55	Movie	*** Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone ('01, Child) Rupert Grint, Daniel Radcliffe. (CC)	Ivan Helsing "Help Me"	Ivan Helsing "Seen You"	Ivan Helsing "Stay Inside"	*** Harry Potter & the Cha...											
TBN	68	Turning (N)	S. Furtick (N)	Harvest (N)	Prince	Healing	Kirk Today	Allen (N)	Stakelbeck	Rededicate 250 High (N)	Rosenberg	Boots (N)	Healthy	Stakelbeck	Rededicate 250 High (N)			
TBS	24	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang
TCM	54	Movie	*** For Those Who Think Young	:15 *** Ride the Wild Surf ('64) Fabian.	*** Chitty Chitty Bang Bang ('68) Dick Van Dyke.	:45 *** Smokey and the Bandit												
TLC	23	90 Day Diaries	90 Day: The Last Resort	"Last Crown Standing"	90 Day: The Last Resort	Last Resort (N)	Little Singles (N)	Little Singles (N)	Little Singles (N)	Little Singles (N)	Little Singles (N)	Little Singles (N)	Little Singles (N)	Little Singles (N)				
TNT	28	Movie	*** The Batman (2022, Action) Zoë Kravitz, Robert Pattinson. (CC)	:15 *** Aquaman (2018, Action) Amber Heard, Jason Momoa. (CC)	:15 *** Joker													
TOON	69	Regular	Regular	Grim	Grim	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	
TRUTV	40	American	American	American	American	American	American	Endurance	*** Cinderella Man (2005, Drama) Renée Zellweger, Russell Crowe. (CC)	*** Wimbledon ('04) Kirsten Dunst.								
TVLAND	47	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	
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# hollywood Q&A



## Kristin Kreuk and Rossif Sutherland star in "Murder in a Small Town"

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**Q: Will "Murder in a Small Town" be coming back? If so, when?**

A: I have half a glass of water for you, and you can decide if it's half-full or half-empty: "Murder in a Small Town" has been renewed for a third season, but it's been delayed until the winter (likely January).

The first two seasons of the mystery drama aired as part of Fox's fall schedule, but the network announced last month that it was moving it to the midseason schedule for Season 3.

They made that decision in order to turn fall Tuesdays into a "night of medical marvels," according to Fox executive vice-president Dan Harrison.

Last season, "Murder in a Small Town" served as lead-in to the medical drama "Doc." This fall it will be replaced in the slot by "Best Medicine," a freshman hit that aired mid-season last year.

To be fair to Fox's programmers, perhaps the dead of winter is a better place for "Murder in a Small Town, which another Fox executive

vice-president, Brooke Bowman, called "cozy and delightful" in her renewal statement.

One other piece of unequivocally good news: the show has added TV vet Peter Gallagher ("The O.C.") to its cast for Season 3. He'll play a charismatic man who sails into the marina of Gibsons, British Columbia, Canada, and disrupts the lives of everyone in town before (presumably, based on Gallagher's contract) sailing away again.

This seems to be part of an ongoing strategy for the show: to bring in a different, beloved TV face for a season-long arc each year as it did with Marcia Gay Harden ("How to Get Away With Murder") in Season 2.

**Q: Is Vince Vaughn coming back with more "Bad Monkey"?**

A: Vince Vaughn ("The Break-Up," 2006) is on board for a lot more "Bad Monkey," if it's up to him.

Season 1 of the Apple TV series was based on the novel of the same name by Carl Hiaasen ("Striptease," 1996). It was a hit, and has been renewed for a second. The assumption was that Season 2 would be based on the followup book, "Razor Girl."

## Screen scramble

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Answer: □□□□□□ □□□□□

Unscramble the letters for each word to reveal five movies and TV shows. Then, rearrange the circled letters to discover the actor who has appeared in all five.

**Solution on page 19**

However, in an interview with Deadline.com, Vaughn said that wouldn't be the case. But don't fret. Instead, Season 2 will tell an "interim" story, set in the time between the two novels, saving "Razor Girl" for Season 3.

"That would be the plan," he said.

However, it's not totally his decision. It's more up to the show's creative mind — creator and writer Bill Lawrence ("Scrubs"). The problem there is that Lawrence is one of the busiest people in TV at the moment.

At the same time he's making "Bad Monkey," Lawrence is also doing new seasons of a pair of other

Apple TV hits, "Ted Lasso" and "Shrinking," as well as his HBO show "Rooster" and the reboot of "Scrubs" on ABC.

So the timeline of future "Bad Monkey" seasons could depend on finding space in his packed schedule.

But Season 2, at least, is a lock. Vaughn said (in the same Deadline interview, back in March) that principal filming was finished.

There's no release date set yet, but the rumored target is "late 2026."

Have a question? Email us at [questions@tvtabloid.com](mailto:questions@tvtabloid.com). Please include your name and town. Personal replies will not be provided.

## Late laughs

### The Late Show With Stephen Colbert

If you're just tuning in to "The Late Show," you missed a lot. Tonight [May 21] is our final broadcast from the Ed Sullivan Theater. We were lucky enough to be here for the last 11 years. Can't take this for granted, though. Actually, technically our first show back in July of 2015 was from a public access station in Monroe, Michigan, for an audience of 12 people. And show business being what it is these days, it's probably where you'll see me next.

There is so much history here in the Ed Sullivan Theater, and we've been honored to have been just a small part of it. Nichols and May played on the stage. The Beatles made their American debut here. And this is true. This is true. Backstage, Elvis used the bathroom and didn't die.

### The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon

It's college graduation season and it's pretty inspiring to see the most hungover kid at the ceremony and think, "Someday that guy will be the director of the FBI."

Of course, some graduation ceremonies are more prestigious than others. You know, it's tough when they introduce your commencement speaker with the, "You know them from Season 2 of 'MILF Manor.'"

### Jimmy Kimmel Live!

The Senate yesterday [May 19] voted to advance a resolution that would limit the president's war powers in Iran. If this resolution passes, Trump will be forced to ignore it completely and do whatever he wants as he has been doing. He'll ignore it like he ignores the weight limit on a golf cart.

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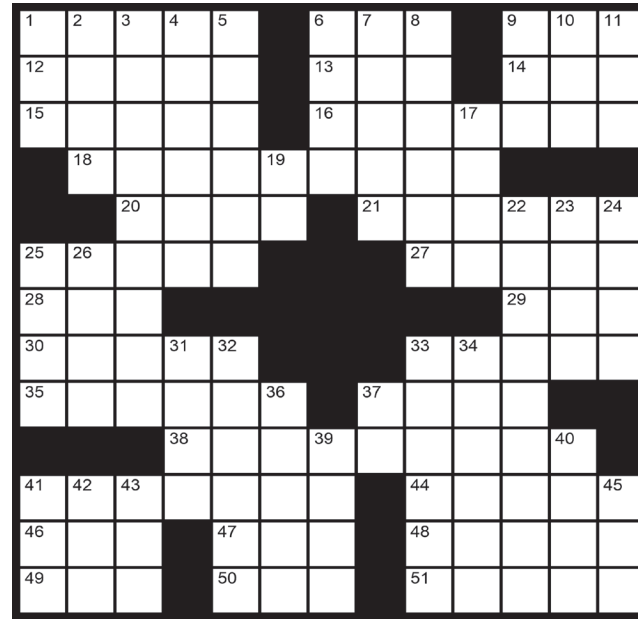
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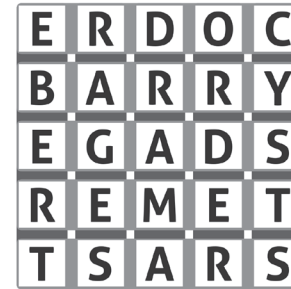
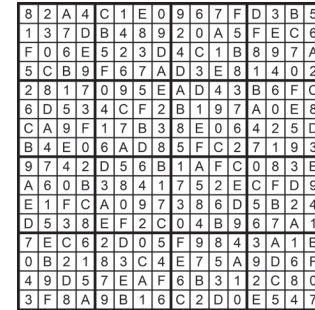
#### Across

- Bad guy in "Aladdin" (1992)
- "Ruh \_\_\_!" (Scooby-Doo cry)
- Havana residue
- Tequila source
- Some
- Reggae relative
- Order to a Western posse
- Matthew Law Netflix series
- Harrison Ford series
- Canada gasoline brand
- Shabby
- Skins
- Lindsay of "Mean Girls" (2004)
- When D.S.T. ends
- Past time
- AD 1 preceeder
- Aspect
- Lobster's coral
- Picture problem
- "Mom" co-star
- Steve Coogan Netflix series
- Drive
- Sailor's assent
- Old hat
- Susan's "All My Children" role
- So far
- N.Y. engineering sch.
- Pass rusher's tally

#### Down

- Spree
- Awfully long time
- Dermot Morgan comedy
- Loath
- Negligent
- Utter
- Dream: Prefix
- Book for the masses?
- Dummy
- Word with bum or bunny
- Is down with
- Breakfast for a waf-  
fler?
- Firm rejection
- Jon Lovitz cartoon series
- Alpine stream
- Itsy-bitsy biter
- Needy
- Teen affliction
- Highlands hillside
- Sarah's last name in  
"The Terminator" (1984)
- Barbecue setting
- Light show
- Finish
- Girl's steady, initially
- Piedmont wine center
- Wallop
- Ballad
- CBS logo
- Grasp
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